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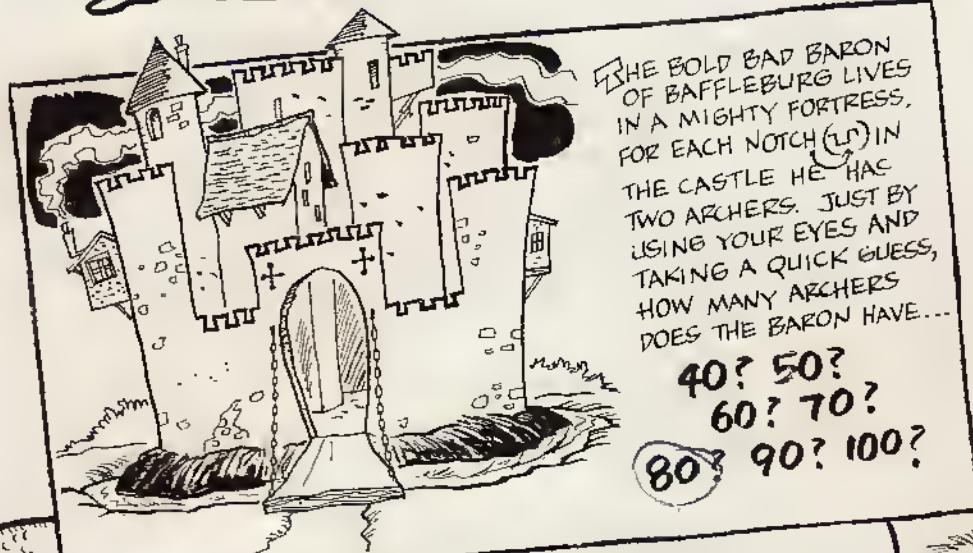


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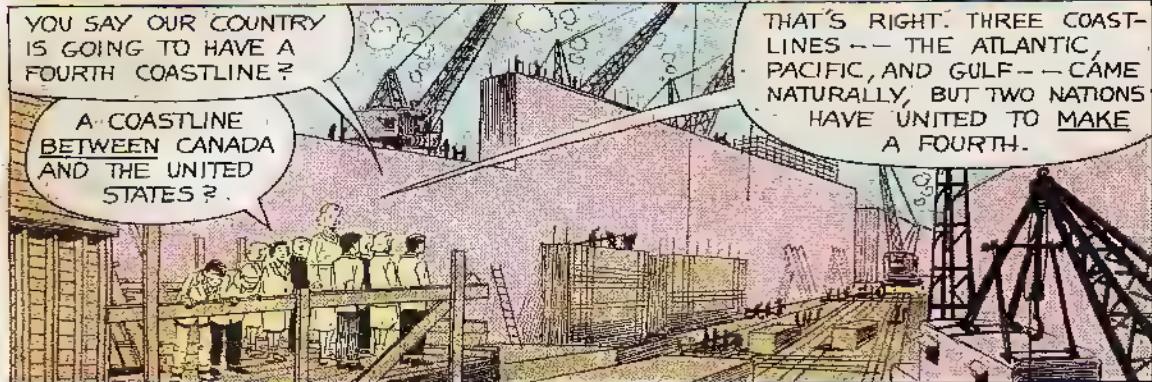
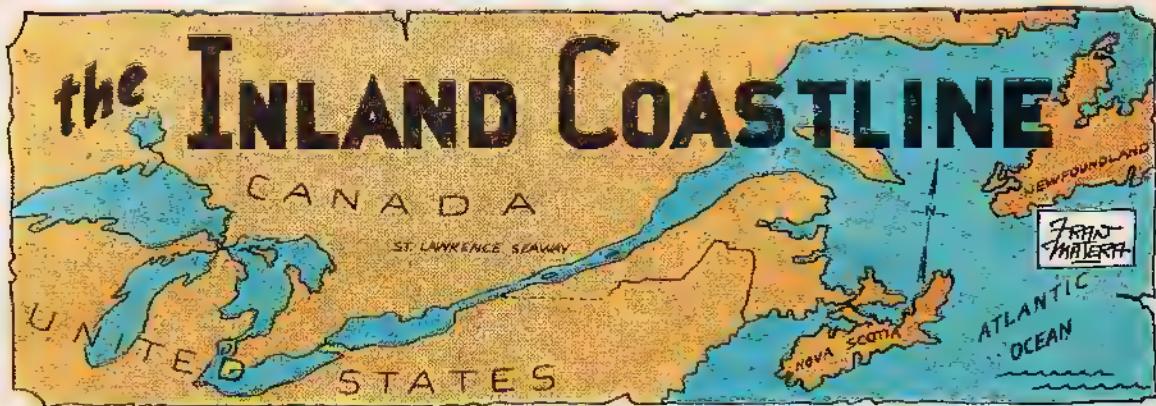


GAME PAGE

MR. AND MRS. BRUNO BROWNIE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR TEN CHILDREN. BUT THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES ARE QUITE SHY. CAN YOU FIND THEM?



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"NOW LET'S TAKE THAT LOOK AT WHAT SOME OF THE INLAND COASTLINE CITIES ARE DOING."

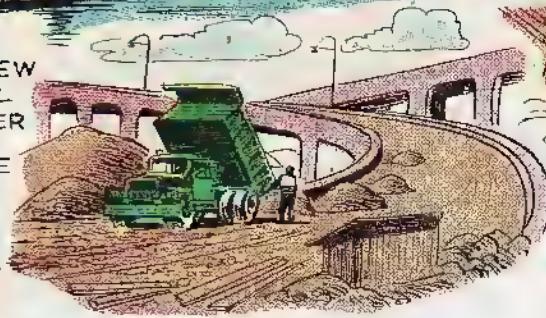
DULUTH IS BUILDING NEW DOCKS THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE LARGE SHIPS.



MILWAUKEE IS ALSO ENLARGING ITS DOCKING AND WAREHOUSE AREA.



CHICAGO IS BUILDING NEW AIDS THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO HANDLE THE INCREASE IN CARGO TRAFFIC THAT WILL PASS IN AND OUT OF THE PORT.



TOLEDO IS ALSO INCREASING ITS DOCKSIDE EQUIPMENT...



AS ARE DETROIT...

CLEVELAND IS CONSTRUCTING NEW RAILWAY SPURS AND DOCKS TO HANDLE CARGO. THE FACT THAT GREAT LAKES CITIES WILL BECOME DEEP-SEA PORTS WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC ON ROADS AND RAILS LEADING INTO THE CITY.



...AND TORONTO.

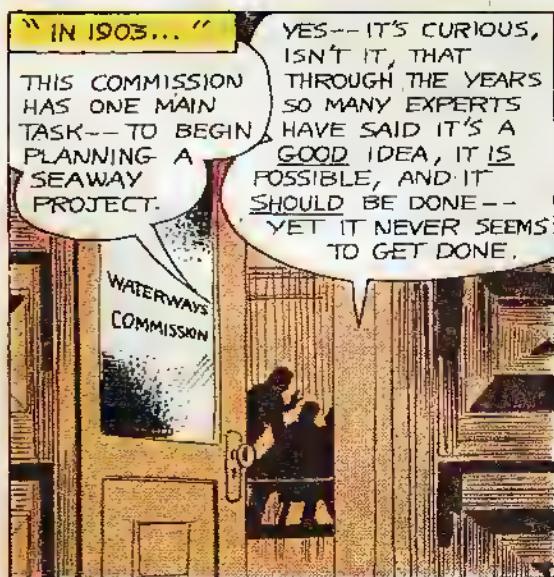
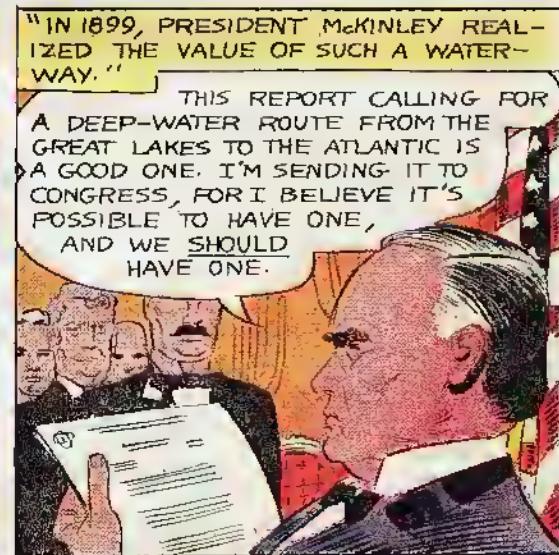
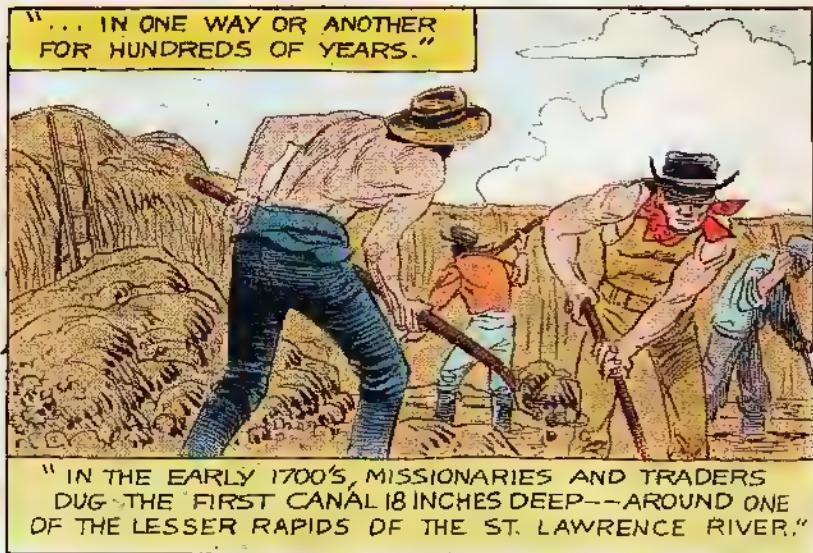
WELL, DEEP HARBORS AND ENOUGH EQUIPMENT ARE IMPORTANT, BUT HOW ABOUT THE APPROACHES TO THE PORTS AND CONVENiences FOR SEA-GOING SHIPS?

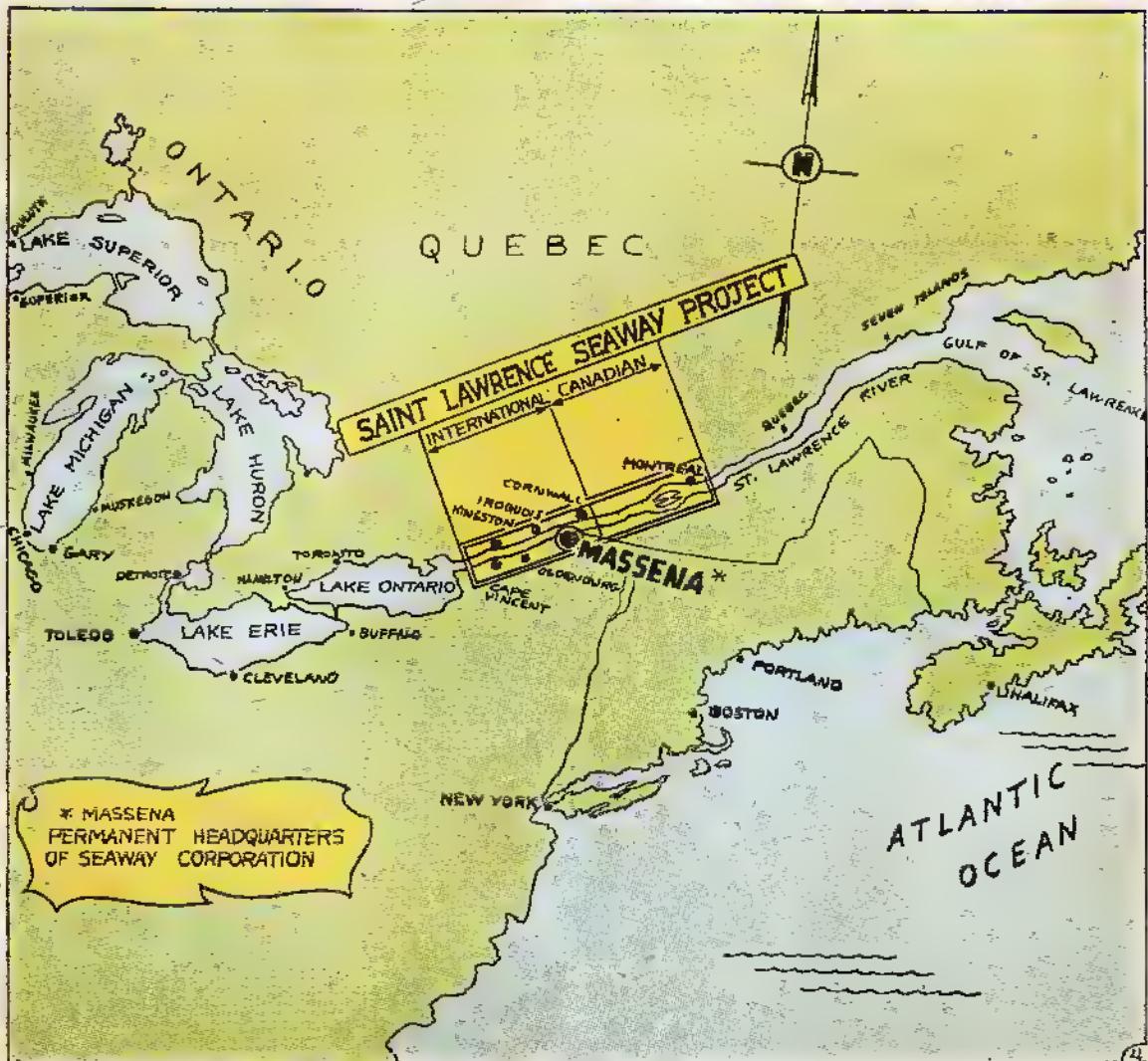
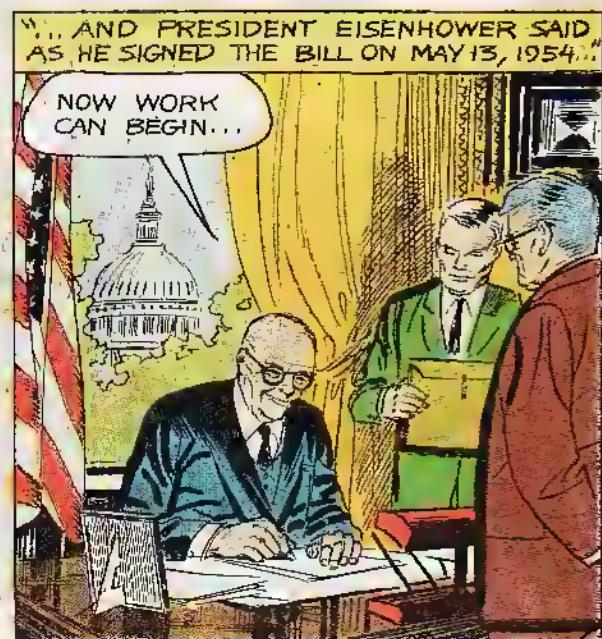


YES--MAKING SHIPS FEEL "AT HOME" WHEN THEY ARRIVE IS ONE THING; BUT HOW ABOUT GETTING THEM THERE?

YES--"GETTING THEM THERE" IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. THAT'S WHERE THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY COMES INTO THE PICTURE.







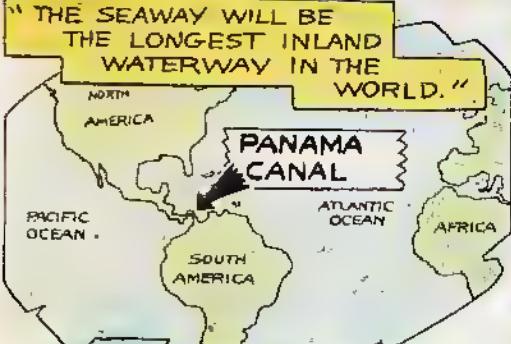
"WORK ON THE BIGGEST DITCH-DIGGING JOB ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT BEGAN. THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND THE PRESENT CANALS ARE BEING DEEPENED TO 27 FEET."



"THE INCREASED DEPTH AND WIDTH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE LARGE OCEAN-GOING SHIPS THAT WILL USE THE WATERWAY."



"THE SEAWAY WILL BE THE LONGEST INLAND WATERWAY IN THE WORLD."



"THOUSANDS OF MEN OPERATING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT HAD TO EXCAVATE BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION COULD TAKE PLACE..."



"...AND OF COURSE, IN CERTAIN TOWNS ALONG THE WATERWAY..."

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT AS CALMLY AS WE CAN. WHEN THE SEAWAY MOVES IN, WE MUST MOVE OUT.

IT'S NOT SO BAD, IN SOME WAYS. THE OFFICIALS WILL BUY OR MOVE OUR HOUSES.



CANADA

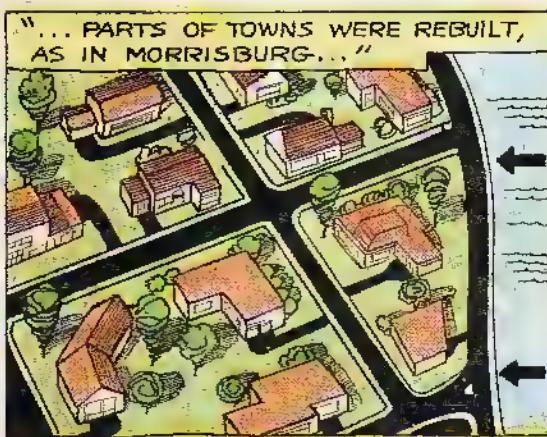
ST. LAWRENCE
SEAWAY

UNITED STATES

"THE OFFICIALS DID JUST THAT. SOME OLD HOUSES WERE MOVED..."

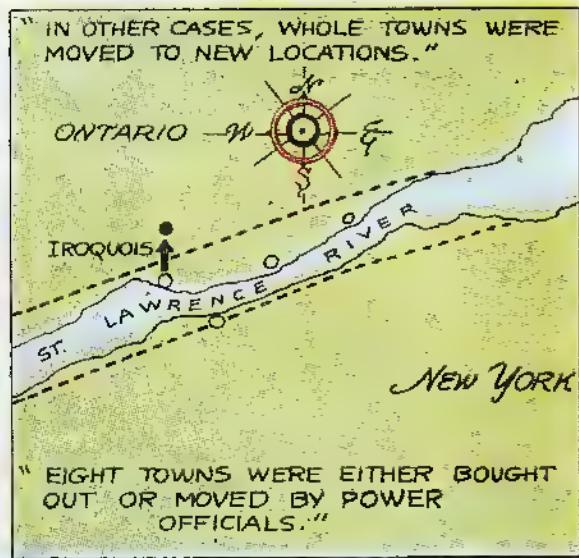


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"... PARTS OF TOWNS WERE REBUILT, AS IN MORRISBURG..."

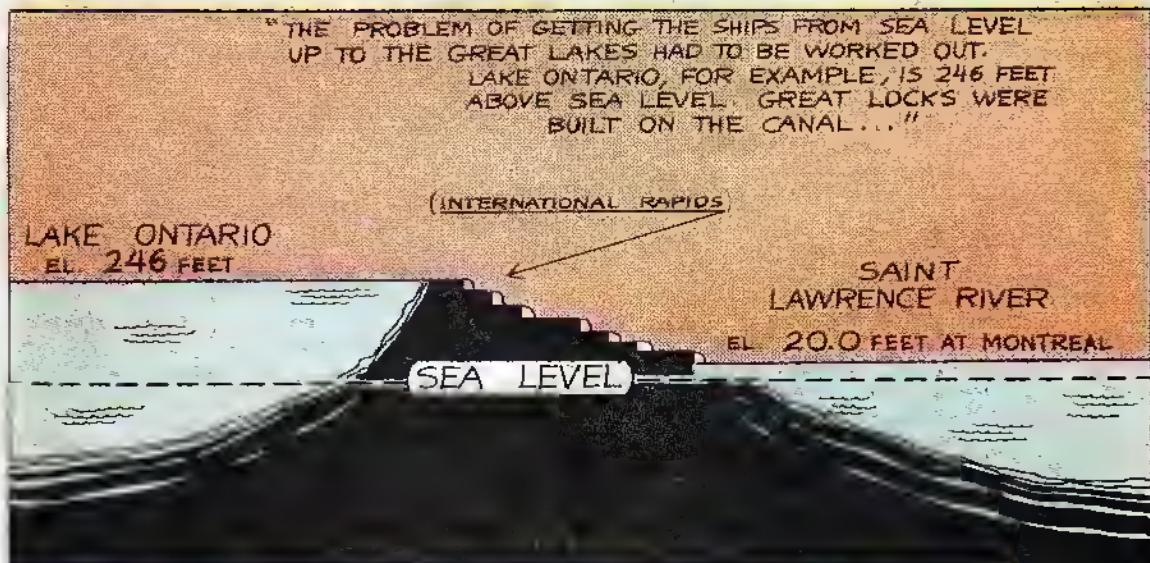
"... WHERE ONLY PART OF THE TOWN HAD TO BE FLOODED, STREETS WERE EXTENDED AWAY FROM THE WATERWAY AND NEW HOMES AND STORES WERE BUILT."



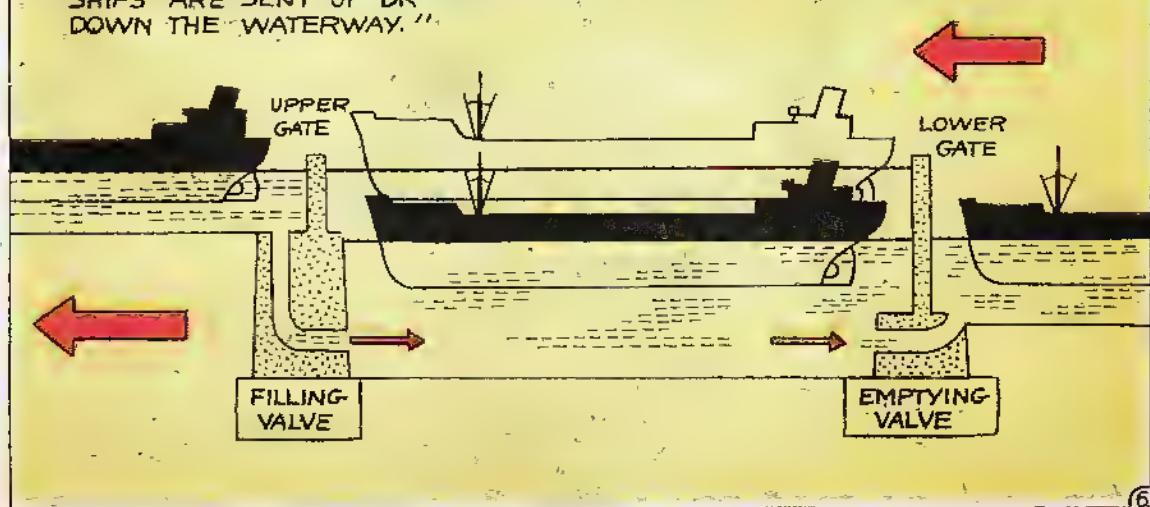
"IN OTHER CASES, WHOLE TOWNS WERE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS."

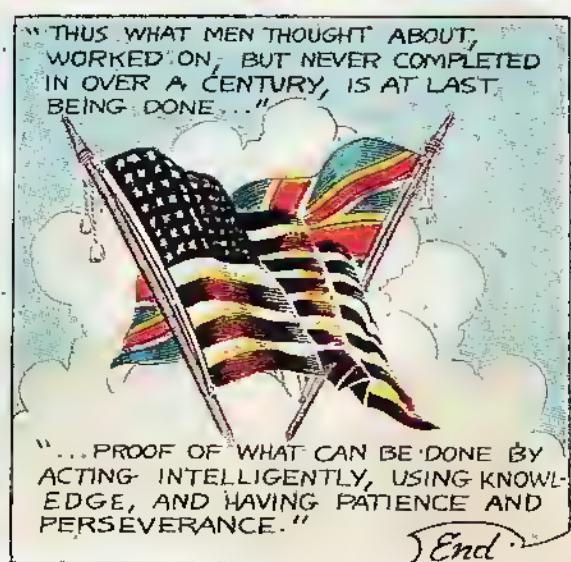
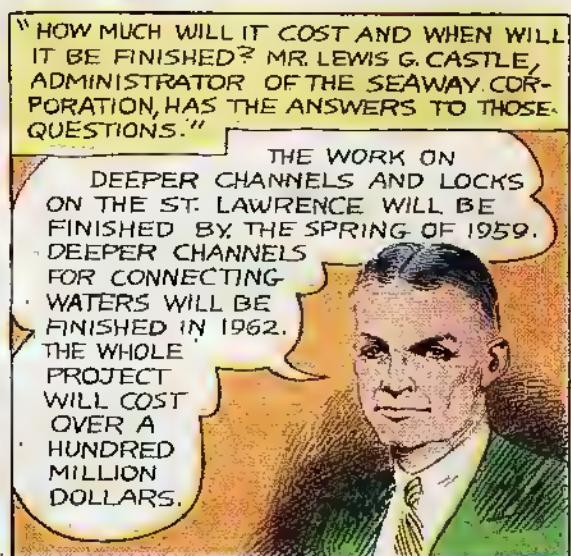
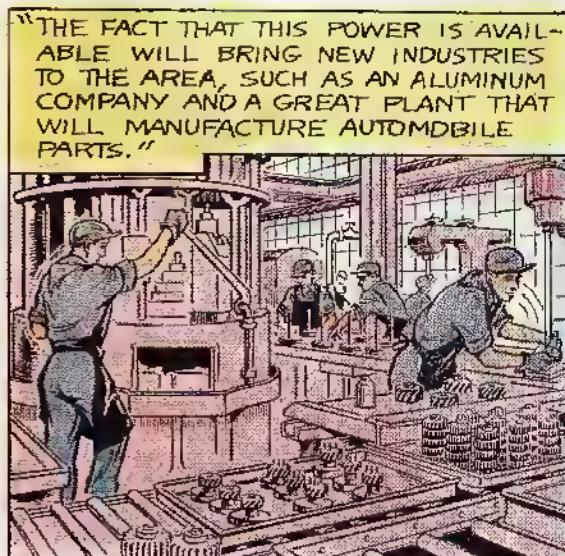
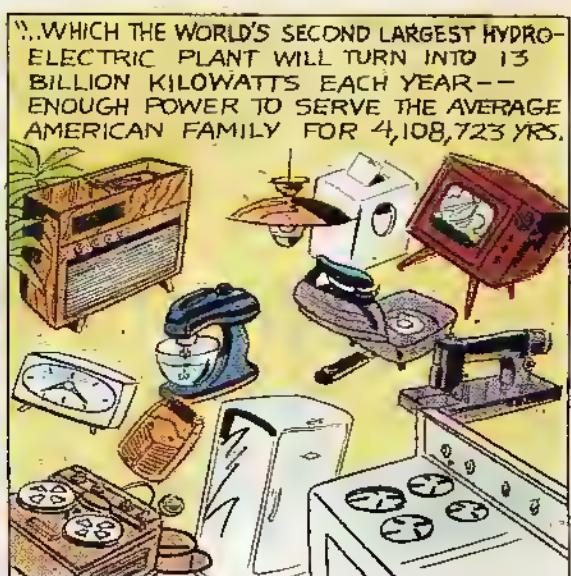
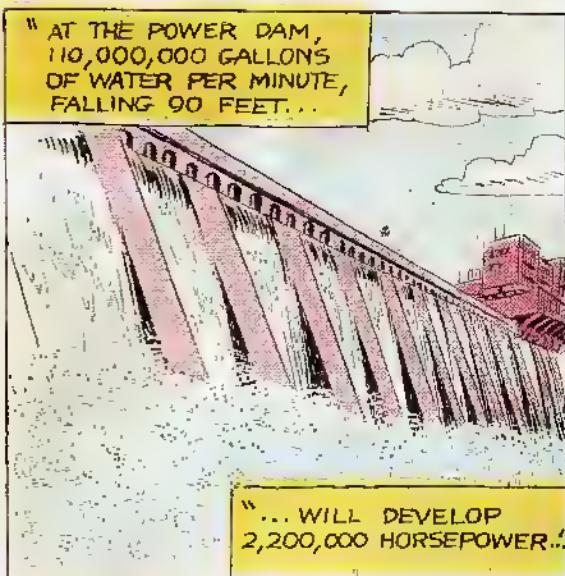
"EIGHT TOWNS WERE EITHER BOUGHT OUT OR MOVED BY POWER OFFICIALS."

"THE PROBLEM OF GETTING THE SHIPS FROM SEA LEVEL UP TO THE GREAT LAKES HAD TO BE WORKED OUT. LAKE ONTARIO, FOR EXAMPLE, IS 246 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. GREAT LOCKS WERE BUILT ON THE CANAL..."



"... AND BY MEANS OF THEM, SHIPS ARE SENT UP OR DOWN THE WATERWAY."





End

YOU ARE CITIZENS--NOW!

ILLUSTRATED BY

BILL
MARTIN

*the Community Chest
is ready to help
EVERYBODY-
EVERYBODY
should help the
CHEST*

YES--IT MAKES
YOU THINK OF THE
FUTURE AND OF WHAT
YOU WANT TO BE.

THAT BILLBOARD
MAKES IT CLEAR THAT
EVERYONE SHOULD SUPPORT
THE CHEST, BUT IT ALSO MAKES
ME THINK OF THE DIFFERENT
KINDS OF OCCUPATIONS
WE CAN ENTER.

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WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER I WANTED
TO BE A TRAPEZE
ARTIST IN THE
CIRCUS.

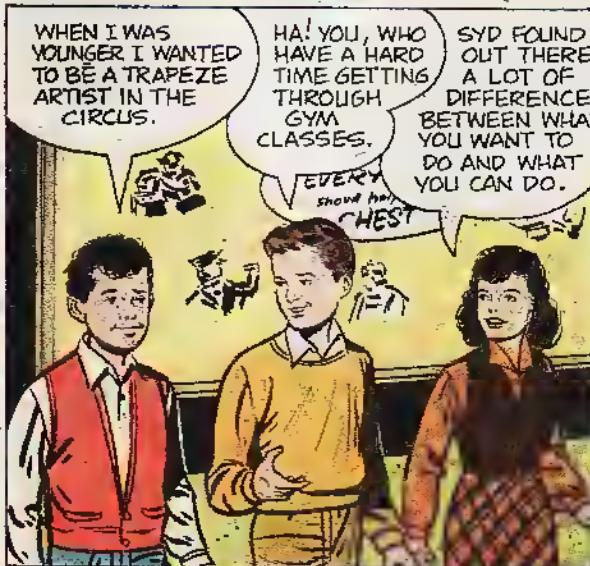
HA! YOU, WHO
HAVE A HARD
TIME GETTING
THROUGH
GYM
CLASSES.

EVERY
show her
CHEST

SYD FOUND
OUT THERE'S
A LOT OF
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN WHAT
YOU WANT TO
DO AND WHAT
YOU CAN DO.

--I WONDER IF IT
WOULDN'T BE A
GOOD IDEA FOR THE
CIVICS CLUBBERS
TO ENCOURAGE OUR
FRIENDS AT SCHOOL
TO DO A LITTLE
THINKING ABOUT
THE FUTURE.

YOU MEAN, A
PROGRAM THAT
WILL MAKE THEM
TAKE A GOOD
LOOK AT THEIR
ABILITIES AND
HOW THEY CAN
USE THEM TO THE
BEST ADVANTAGE?



WHY OF COURSE! THAT'S WHAT OUR LORD TELLS US IN THE PARABLE ABOUT THE MAN AND THE TALENTS. HE GIVES US CERTAIN THINGS AND HE WANTS US TO BRING THEM BACK TO HIM IMPROVED AND MULTIPLIED. WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO, THEN ADD TO HIS GLORY BY ALWAYS TRYING TO DO IT BETTER.

SO THE CIVICS CLUB MEMBERS WORKED OUT A POSSIBLE PROGRAM WHICH THEY PRESENTED TO SISTER.

MR. LEO CONDRON, THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA AND HAS OFFERED TO HELP US GET THE STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES.

WELL, THE PROGRAM SEEMS GOOD TO ME TOO, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW CROWDED OUR SCHEDULE IS.



WE CAN'T TAKE UP CLASS TIME. YOU WILL HAVE TO TALK THE STUDENTS INTO GIVING UP SOME OF THEIR FREE TIME TO IT.

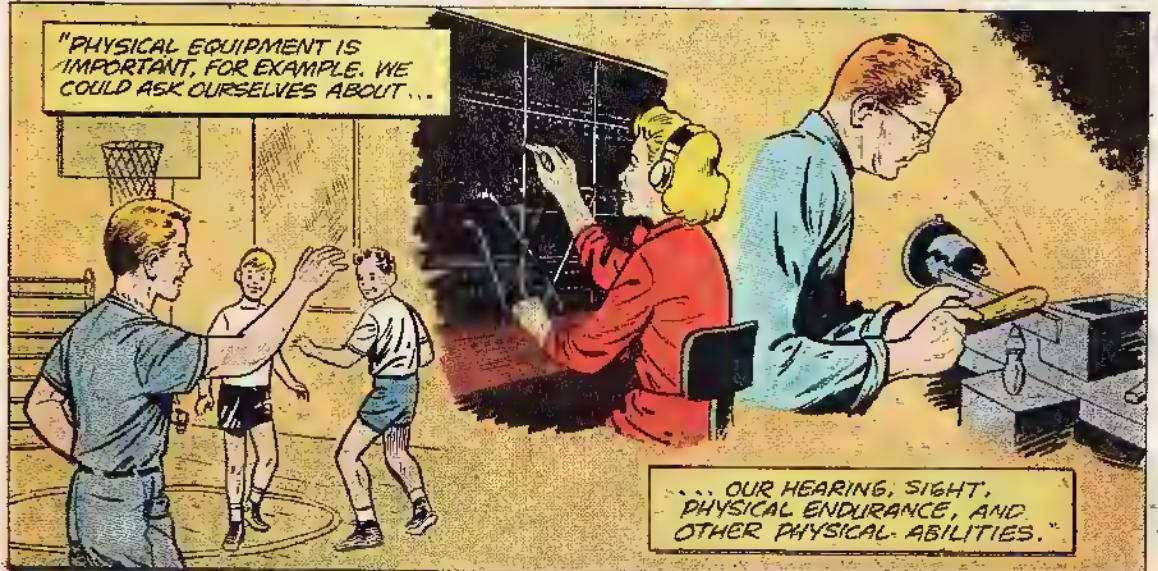
THANKS FOR PERMISSION TO DO IT, SISTER. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO MAKE THE "CAREER-PLANNING" PROGRAM INTERESTING ENOUGH TO KEEP STUDENTS COMING AFTER CLASS HOURS.

AT THE FIRST MEETING...

... TODAY, WE HAVE ANOTHER NAME FOR THE TALENTS THE MASTER GAVE HIS SERVANT. WE CALL THEM APTITUDES OR ABILITIES. WE ALL HAVE CERTAIN ONES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE ONES WE HAVE FIT THE OCCUPATION WE WANT TO ENTER.



"PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT IS IMPORTANT, FOR EXAMPLE. WE COULD ASK OURSELVES ABOUT...



... OUR HEARING, SIGHT, PHYSICAL ENDURANCE, AND OTHER PHYSICAL ABILITIES.

"THE SECOND IMPORTANT ABILITY IS MENTAL."



"SOME OF US ARE BETTER AT LANGUAGES THAN MATH, SOME ARE GOOD AT SCIENCE, OTHERS AT ART AND MUSIC. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT."

THEN THERE'S THE FIELD OF SOCIAL APPTITUDES. DO YOU HAVE PATIENCE WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S FOIBLES AND FAILINGS? DO YOU TAKE CRITICISM IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT? CAN YOU ADVANCE YOUR OWN OPINIONS IN SUCH WAYS AS TO WIN RESPECT AND APPROVAL? YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF A LOT MORE QUESTIONS LIKE THESE -- AND BE SURE TO TELL YOURSELF THE TRUTH.



"AND RATING YOURSELVES ON THE MANY QUALITIES THAT MAKE UP A PLEASING PERSONALITY ISN'T A BAD IDEA."

BILLY HAS BEEN SO HELPFUL SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SICK--AND WE'VE PRACTICALLY JUST MET HIM.

IT'S A BAD SITUATION, BUT THERE'S NO SENSE IN BEING BAD-HUMORED ABOUT BAD SITUATIONS.



IT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT, BUT IT'S A GOOD PIECE, I LIKE IT, AND I'M GOING TO KEEP PRACTICING IT UNTIL IT DOES SOUND RIGHT.

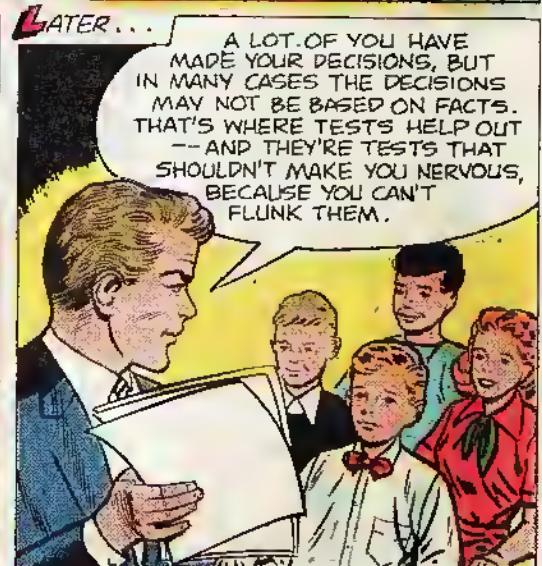
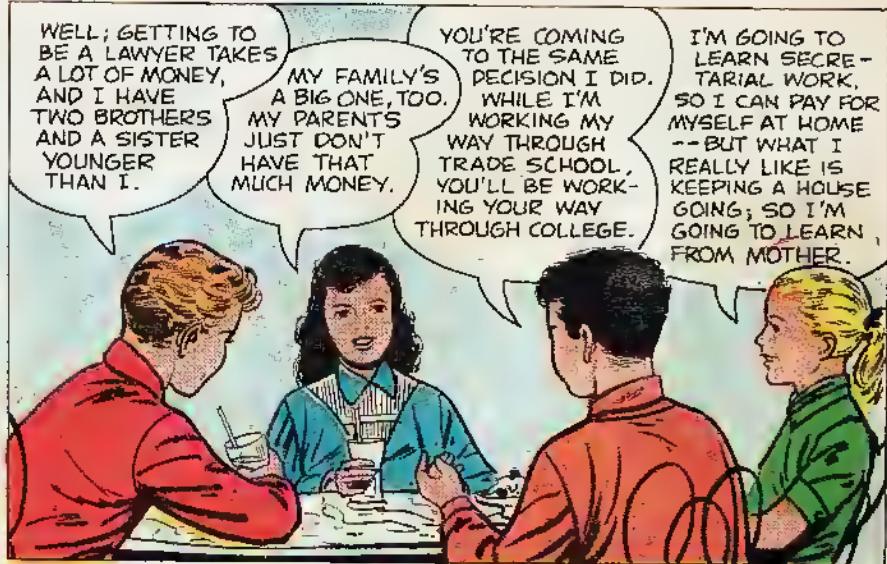


ONE NICE THING ABOUT ALAN IS THAT YOU CAN RELY ON HIM. HE DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE'S GOING TO DO.

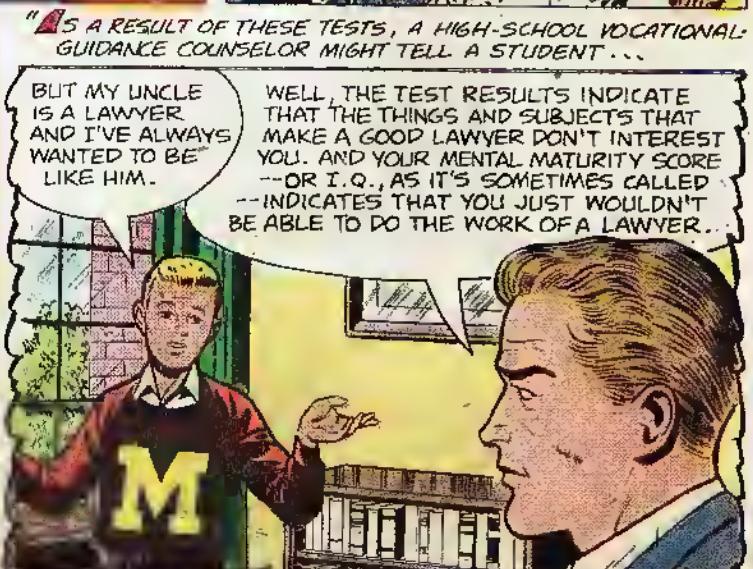


"HONESTY, UNSELFISHNESS, LOYALTY, AND EFFICIENCY ARE A FEW OF THE OTHER TRAITS THAT YOU COULD USE TO MAKE UP YOUR PERSONALITY PROFILE."

AND OF COURSE THERE'S THE BIG QUESTION--"HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?" MONEY ISN'T AN APTITUDE OR AN ABILITY, BUT IT'S A PRETTY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HELPING YOU GET TO BE WHAT YOU DECIDE TO BE. YOUR OWN BULL SESSIONS PROVE THAT."



MANY LARGE COMPANIES GIVE THESE TESTS TO APPLICANTS FOR JOBS. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF TESTS. ONE SHOWS THE KIND OF WORK A PERSON LIKES AND WOULD DO BEST; ANOTHER SHOWS HOW MATURE THE APPLICANT'S MIND IS; ANOTHER SHOWS HOW WELL HE ADJUSTS TO HIS HOME, THE THINGS AROUND HIM, HIS WORK AND HIS OWN EMOTIONS; ANOTHER TESTS HIS SPEED AND ACCURACY IN CLERICAL WORK; AND STILL ANOTHER INDICATES HOW WELL HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT HE READS AND HOW GOOD HIS MATHEMATICS IS."



THE TEST RESULTS INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE THE APTITUDES AND ABILITIES OF A MACHINIST. YOU'D HAVE TO STUDY AND DEVELOP THEM, THOUGH. BUT REMEMBER, NEITHER I NOR TEST RESULTS CAN **MAKE** YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO THAT.



"YOU SEE -- IT'S NOT VANITY, BUT GOOD SENSE, THAT MAKES YOU LOOK INTO THE PERSONALITY MIRROR AND RATE YOUR OWN APTITUDES AND ABILITIES --"



--PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL, PERSONAL, AND FINANCIAL. YOU'LL FIND SOME HARDER TO IMPROVE THAN OTHERS, BUT YOU CAN IMPROVE THEM ALL. NONE OF US NEED RETURN TO THE MASTER WITH JUST ONE TALENT--"

I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS BEFORE, SO LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE LAY VOCATIONS -- THE ONES FATHER CONROY HAS BEEN TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THIS YEAR.



"THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAS ISSUED A DICTIONARY OF OCCUPATIONAL TITLES. I'VE WRITTEN SOME OF THE MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ON THE BOARD HERE."

Professional, semiprofessional, and managerial occupations
Clerical and office occupations
Service occupations
Executive, factory, farm
and kindred occupations
Skilled occupations
Semi-skilled occupations
Unskilled occupations

"HERE ARE SOME PICTURES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THESE OCCUPATION GROUPS. THEY'LL MENTION SOME OF THE THINGS THEY HAD TO HAVE, OR DO, TO GET THERE."



YES--AS AN ARCHITECT I AM IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGERIAL CLASSIFICATION. I HAVE HAD TO STUDY IN COLLEGE AND IN POST-GRADUATE COURSES, I HAD TO WORK A LONG TIME BEFORE I BEGAN TO EARN A GOOD LIVING WAGE.

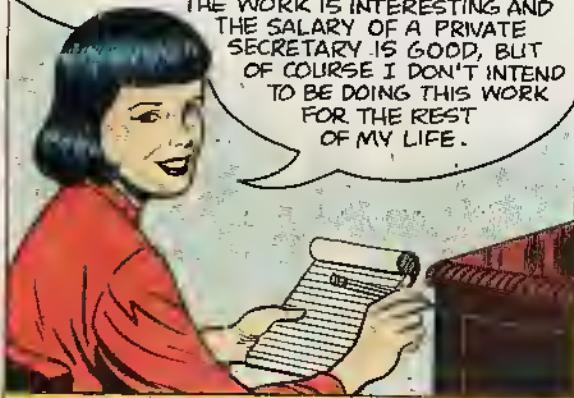
"THIS CLASS INCLUDES LAWYERS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS, TRAINED NURSES, AND OTHER PROFESSIONS."

A LAB ASSISTANT IS IN THE SEMIPROFESSIONAL OCCUPATION CLASS-- THAT IS, PEOPLE WHO MUST TAKE CARE OF THE TECHNICAL AND MECHANICAL DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL WORK. I WENT TO COLLEGE, BUT A COLLEGE EDUCATION ISN'T ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IS THE IMPORTANT THING.



"OTHER OCCUPATIONS IN THIS CLASS: DESIGNERS, OPTOMETRISTS, SPORTS INSTRUCTORS, SURVEYORS."

I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE TO GET INTO THE CLERICAL AND SALES OCCUPATION CLASS, BUT I HAD TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE WORK IS INTERESTING AND THE SALARY OF A PRIVATE SECRETARY IS GOOD, BUT OF COURSE I DON'T INTEND TO BE DOING THIS WORK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.



"OTHER WORKERS IN THIS CLASS: BOOKKEEPERS, MAIL CARRIERS, HOTEL CLERKS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS."

NURSERYMEN, LIKE ME, ARE IN THE AGRICULTURAL, FISHERY, AND FORESTRY CLASS. I LIKE THIS OUTDOOR WORK OF RAISING TREES, SHRUBBERY, VINES, AND FLOWERING PLANTS, AND IT PAYS FAIRLY WELL. I WENT TO AN AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, BUT SKILL AND TRAINING ON THE JOB COUNTS FOR A LOT. IF I WANT TO BECOME A FLORIST, I'LL HAVE TO SPEND TWO YEARS IN APPRENTICESHIP.



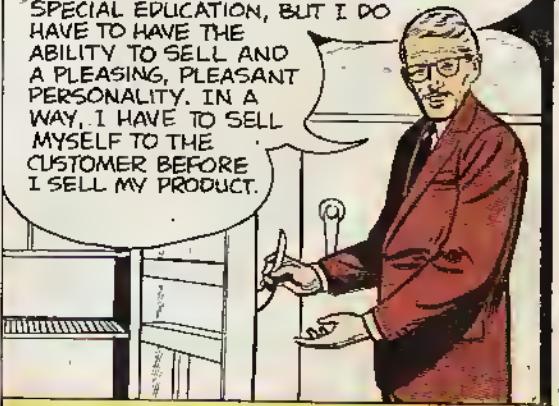
"OTHER OCCUPATIONS IN THIS FIELD: GENERAL FARMERS, ANIMAL FARMERS, IRRIGATION WORKERS."

SOME MANAGERIAL AND OFFICIAL OCCUPATIONS REQUIRE A COLLEGE EDUCATION, BUT THE ONE I'M IN, ADVERTISING, DOESN'T. I HAD TO HAVE THE CREATIVE ABILITY TO PLAN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS THAT WOULD BRING PRODUCTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC.



"OTHERS IN THIS CLASS: HOTEL AND DEPARTMENT STORE MANAGERS, SHIP CAPTAINS, RAILROAD CONDUCTORS."

THERE'S A CLASS CALLED SALES AND KINDRED OCCUPATIONS, AND DEMONSTRATING AND SELLING THESE NEW REFRIGERATORS PUTS ME IN IT. I DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE ANY SPECIAL EDUCATION, BUT I DO HAVE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO SELL AND A PLEASING, PLEASANT PERSONALITY. IN A WAY, I HAVE TO SELL MYSELF TO THE CUSTOMER BEFORE I SELL MY PRODUCT.



"THIS CLASS INCLUDES COUNTER CLERKS, ALL KINDS OF SALESMEN, AND AUCTIONEERS."

ALL OF THIS IS JUST PART OF THE PROJECT OF FINDING OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO, HOW TO ARRANGE THINGS SO THAT YOU CAN DO IT IS TOO COMPLICATED TO GO INTO FULLY HERE. BUT IT'S SOMETHING EACH OF YOU CAN WORK ON YOURSELVES. DON'T JUST "WANT TO BE SOMETHING. MAKE PLANS TO "GET" TO BE SOMETHING."



**THOSE WERE
THE DAYS!**

DIZZY DOES IT

TODAY'S STORY IS ONE OF THE DIZZIEST STORIES YOU EVER HEARD... MOSTLY BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT A MAN NAMED JEROME "DIZZY" DEAN. BACK IN '31 HE WAS A ROOKIE... TRYING TO GET A JOB WITH THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS.

WHERE
COULD
THAT
THING
BE?



DIZZY WAS QUITE A TALKER...

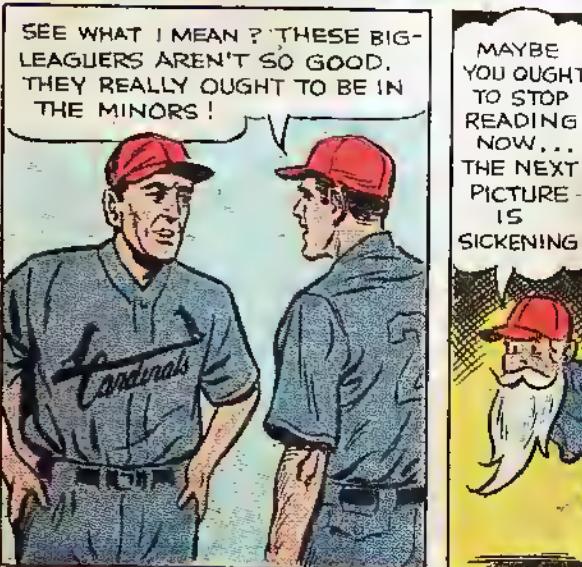
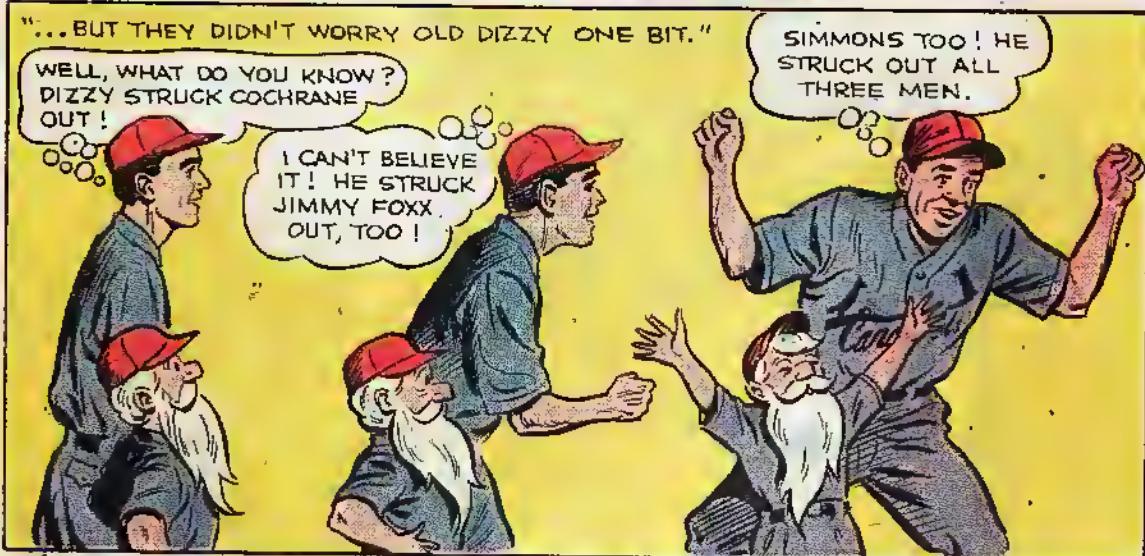
WITH ME AROUND THIS YEAR,
WE CARDS ARE GOING TO
WIN THE PENNANT.



...EVEN DURING THE PRACTICE GAMES...
ALL OF WHICH HE WATCHED FROM THE BENCH...

THE MANAGER HAS ONLY ONE GOOD
PITCHER... SO WHY DOESN'T HE PUT
ME IN AND WIN?



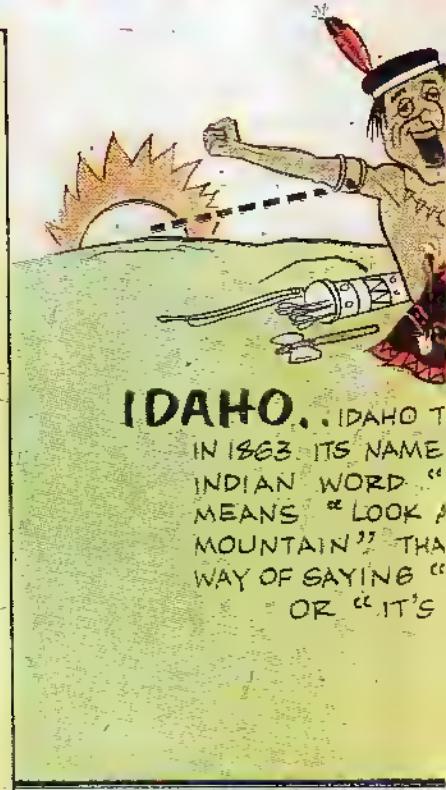
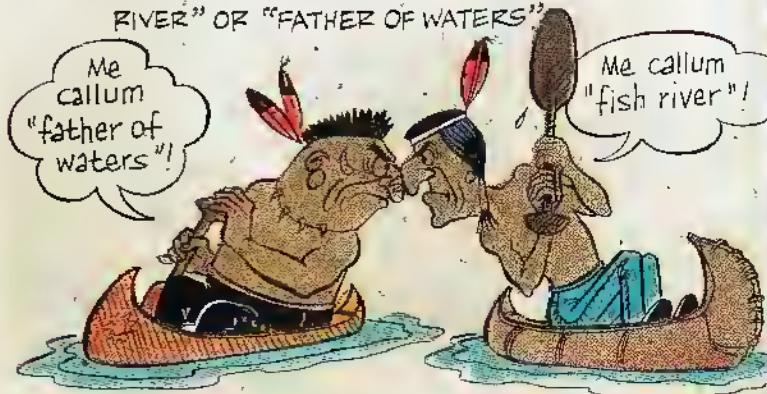


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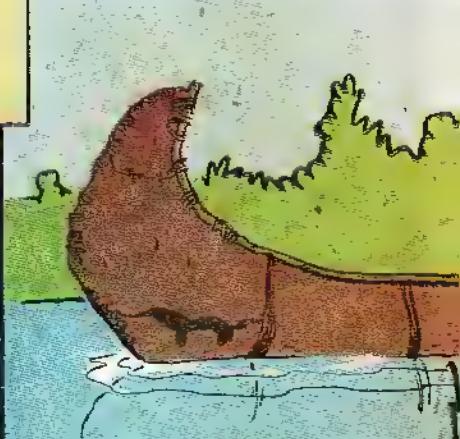
MAINE... SOME HISTORIANS SAY THIS STATE WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF THE WIFE OF KING CHARLES I OF ENGLAND, WHO OWNED THE PROVINCE OF MAINE IN FRANCE. OTHERS SAY THE WORD MAINE WAS ORIGINALLY "MAIN". THERE WERE ISLANDS OFF THE COAST, AND THE MAINLAND WAS CALLED "THE MAIN LAND OF NEW ENGLAND" TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM THE ISLANDS. TAKE YOUR CHOICE!



MISSISSIPPI... THIS STATE WAS NAMED AFTER THE RIVER BUT HISTORIANS AREN'T QUITE SURE WHAT THE RIVER WAS NAMED AFTER. IN INDIAN THE WORD CAN MEAN EITHER "FISH RIVER" OR "FATHER OF WATERS".



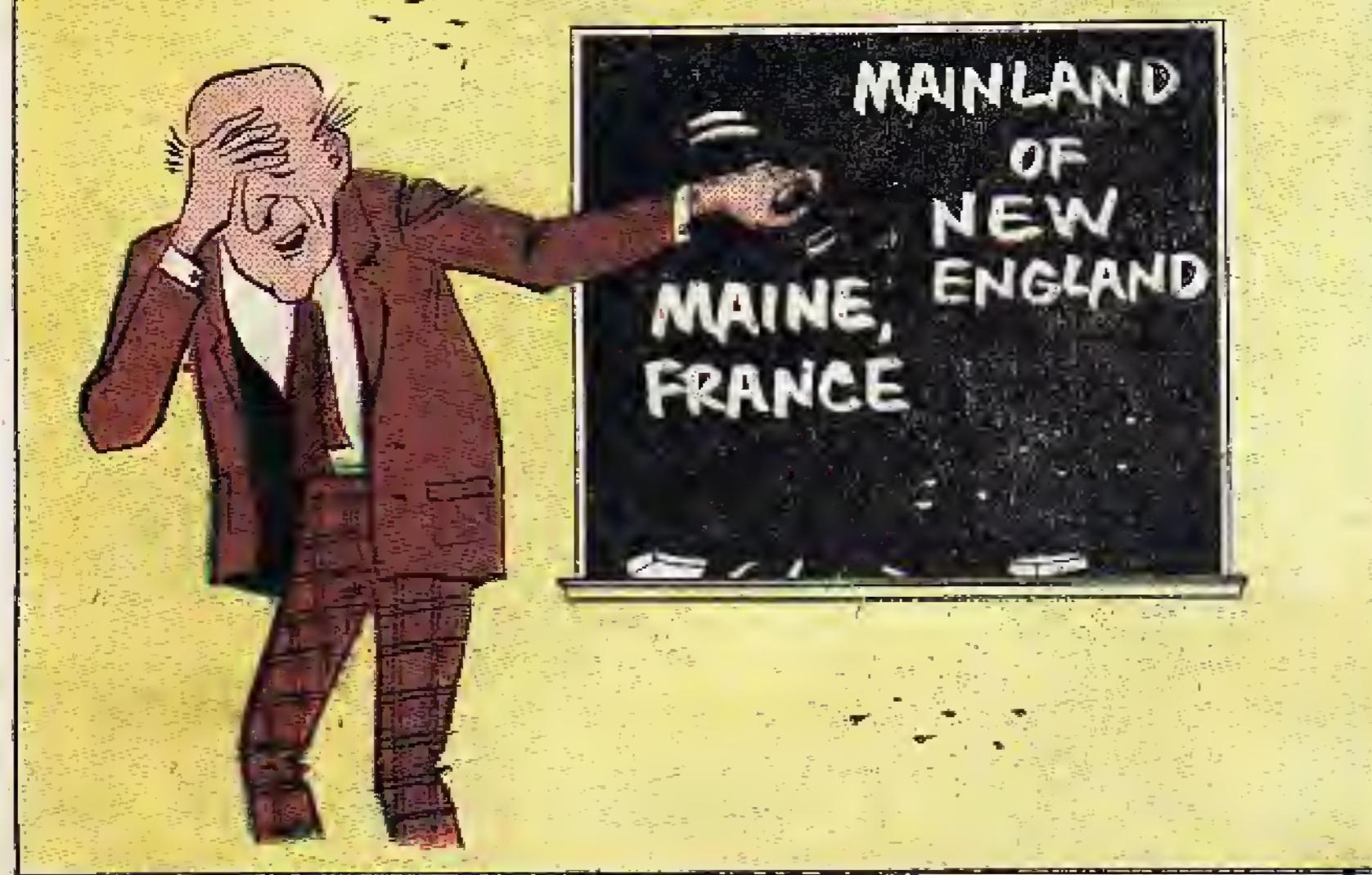
IDAHO... IDAHO WAS NAMED IN 1863. ITS NAME IN INDIAN WORD "IDAHO" MEANS "LOOK A MOUNTAIN" THAT WAY OF SAYING "IDAHO" OR "IT'S



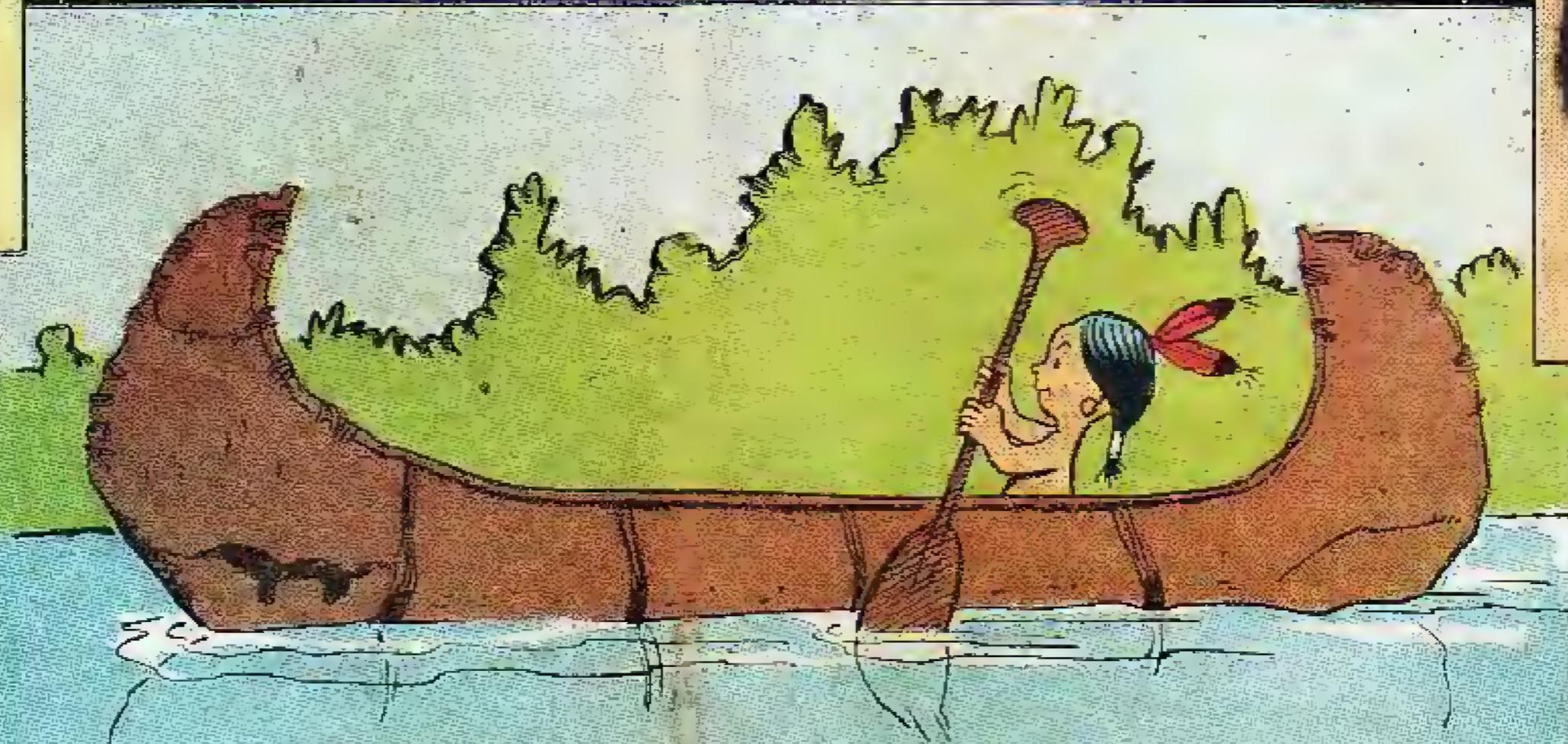
MISSOURI... NAMED AFTER A RIVER. IN THIS CASE, A RIVER THAT FLOWS THROUGH BIG CANOES. PROBABLY THE RIVER MEANS "THE PEOPLE'S RIVER".

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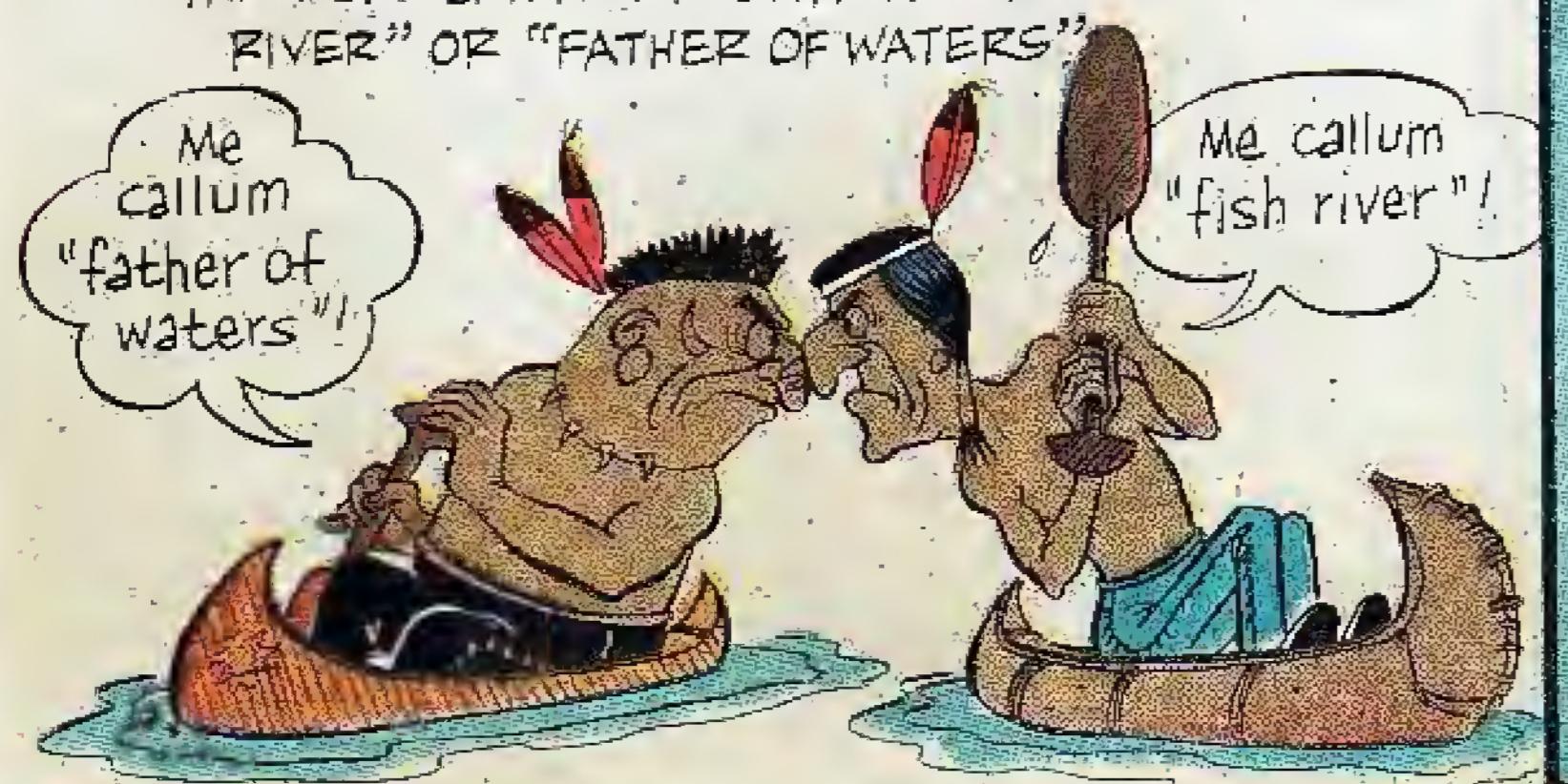
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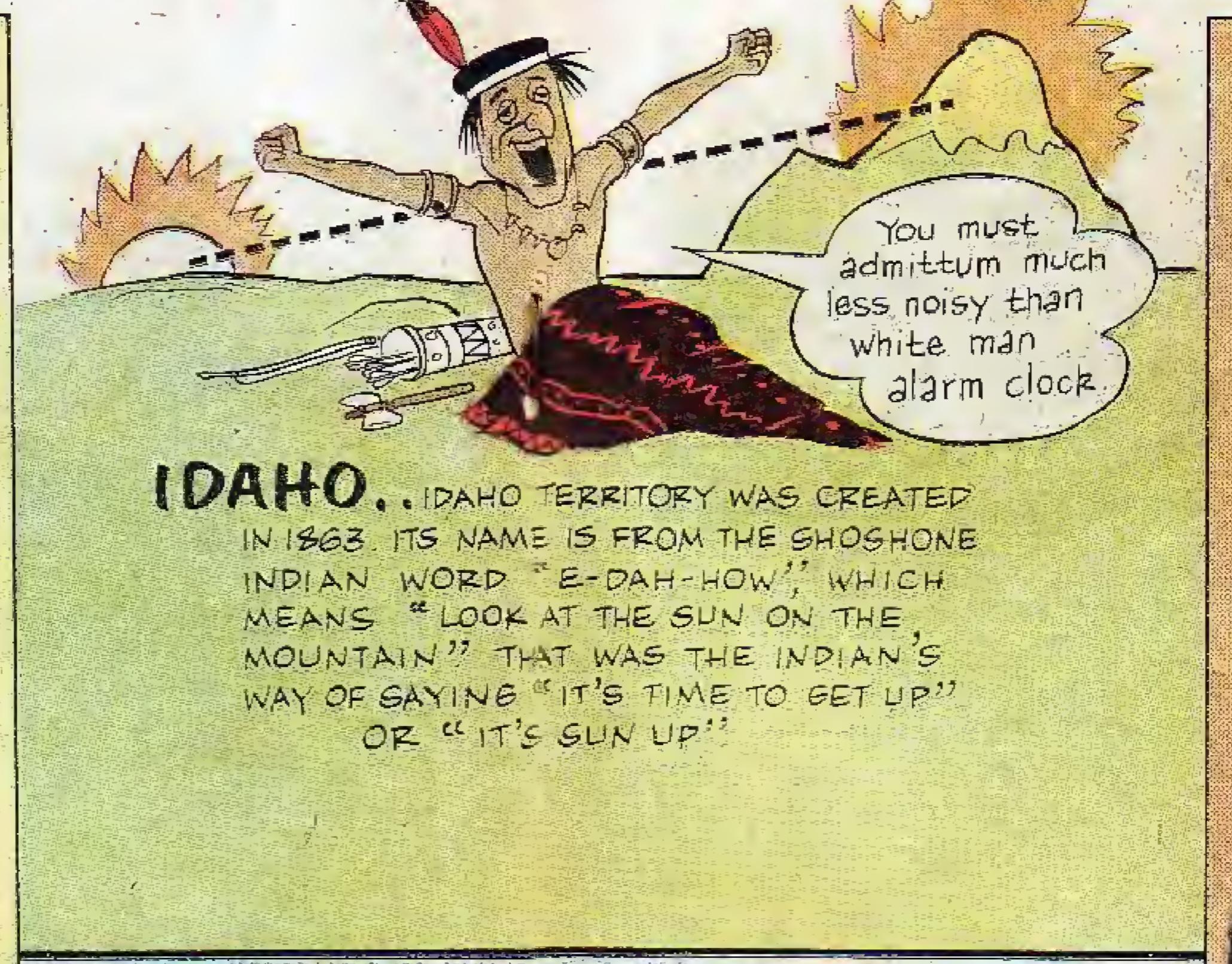
IDAHO... IDAHO TERRITORY WAS CREATED IN 1863. ITS NAME IS FROM THE SHOSHONE INDIAN WORD "E-DAH-HOW", WHICH MEANS "LOOK AT THE SUN ON THE MOUNTAIN" THAT WAS THE INDIAN'S WAY OF SAYING "IT'S TIME TO GET UP" OR "IT'S SUN UP"



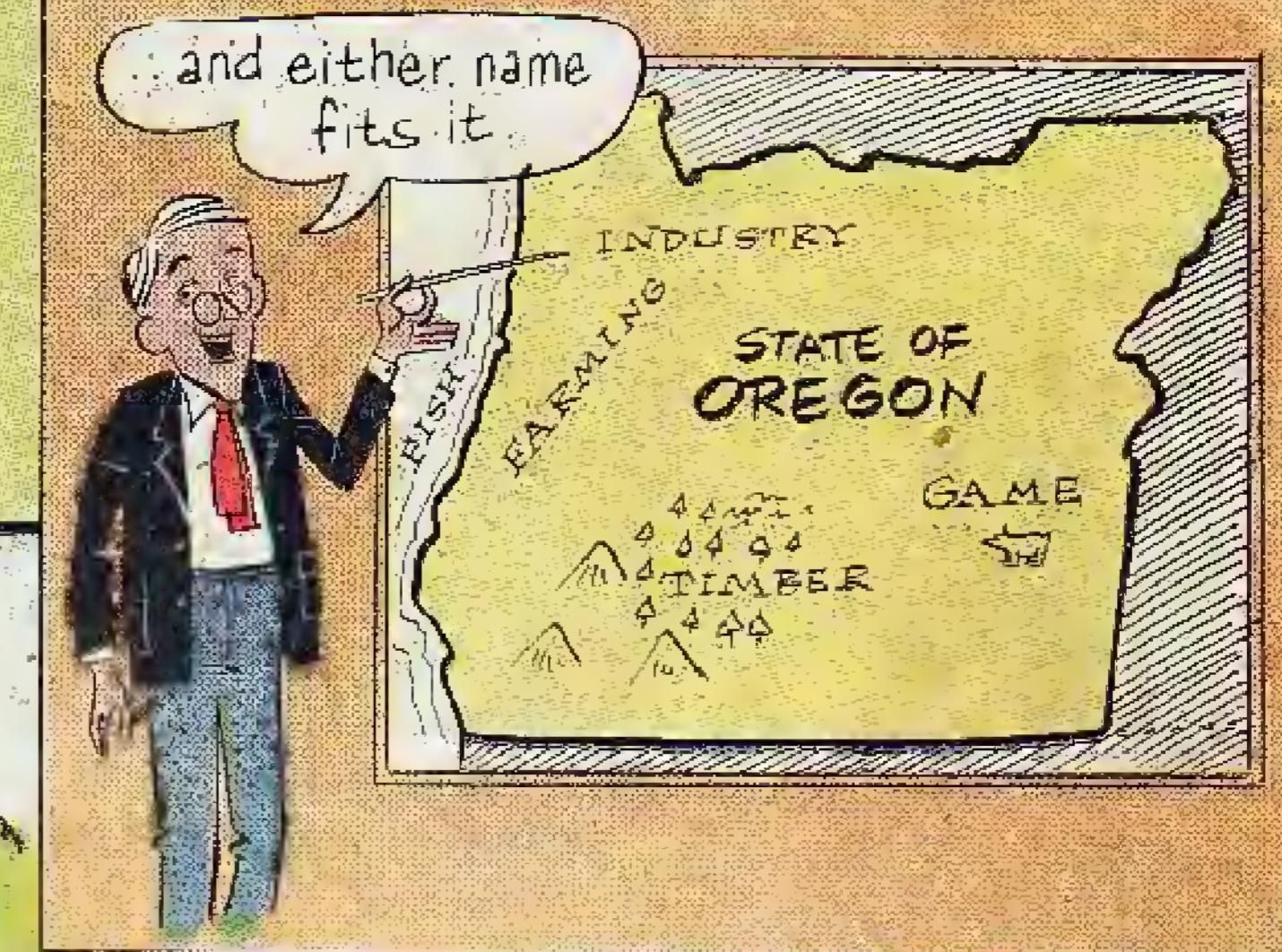
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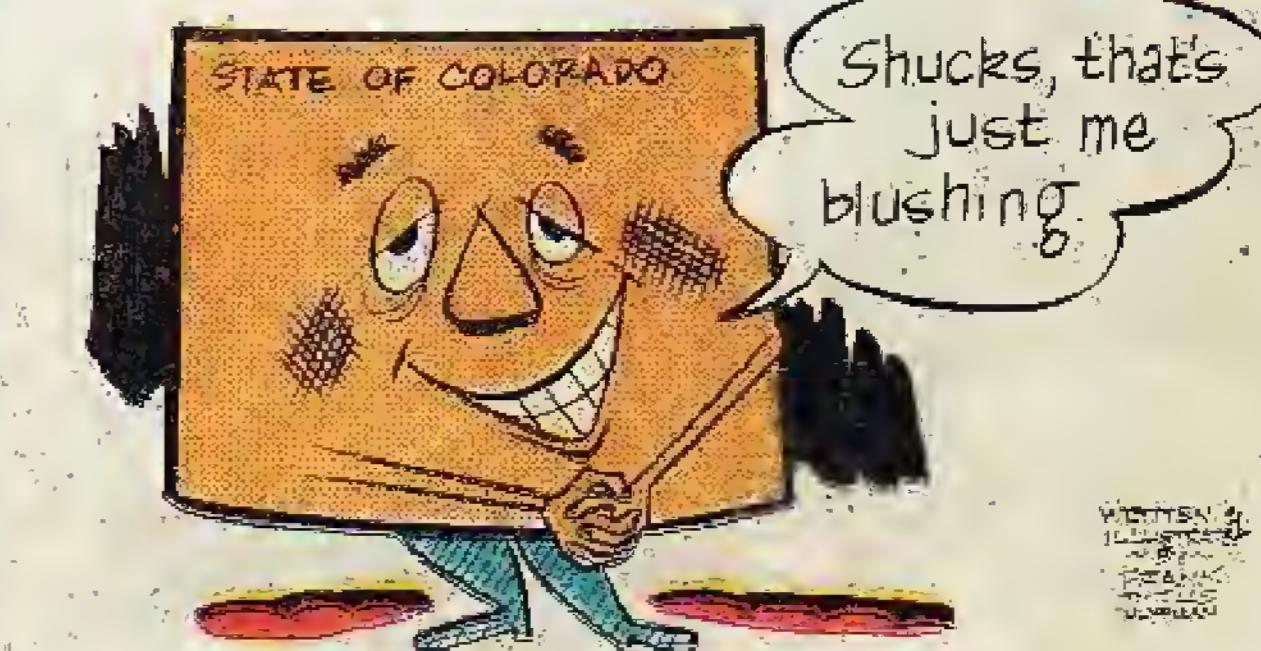
MISSOURI... ANOTHER STATE THAT WAS NAMED AFTER A RIVER --- THE MISSOURI, IN THIS CASE. A TRIBE OF INDIANS WITH BIG CANOES PROBABLY LIVED ALONG THE BANKS OF THIS RIVER. MISSOURI, IN INDIAN, MEANS "THE PEOPLE OF THE BIG CANOE"



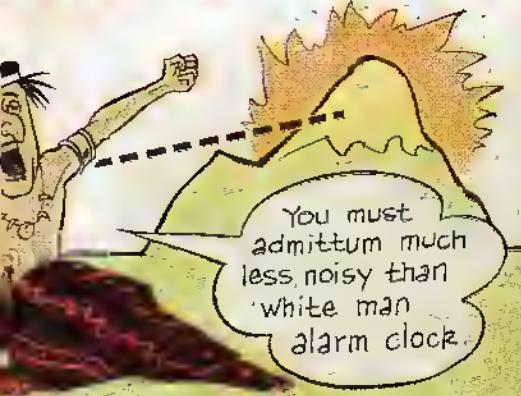
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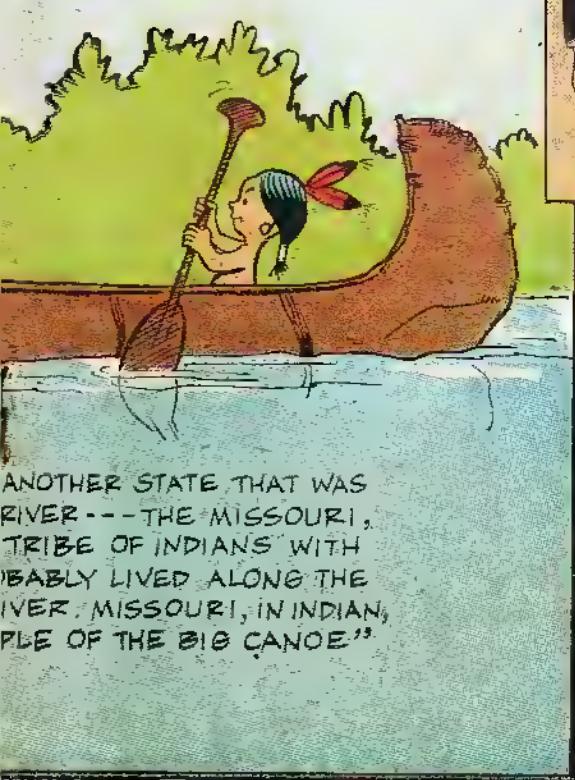
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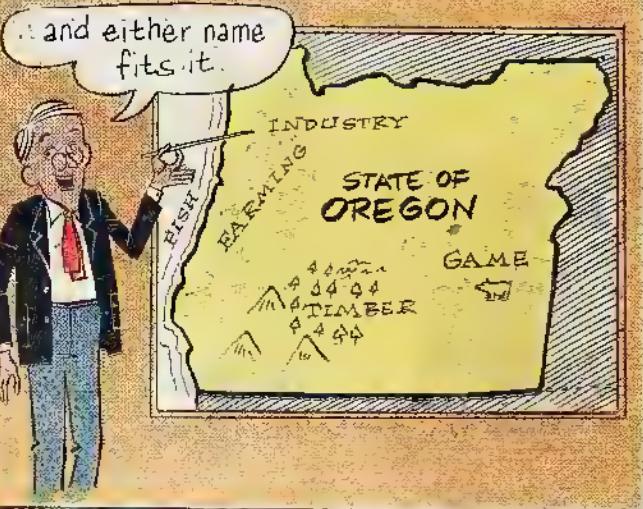
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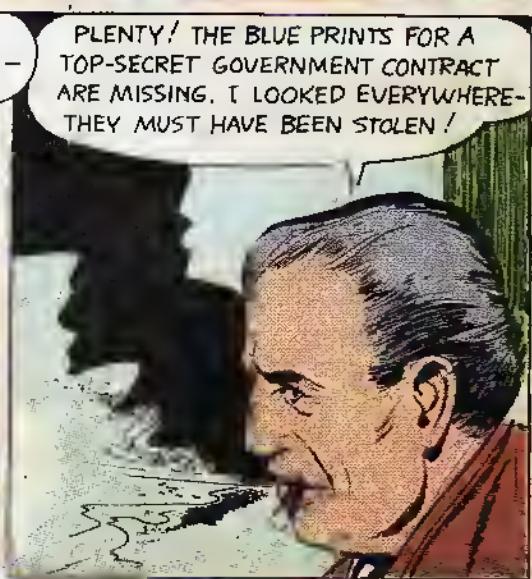
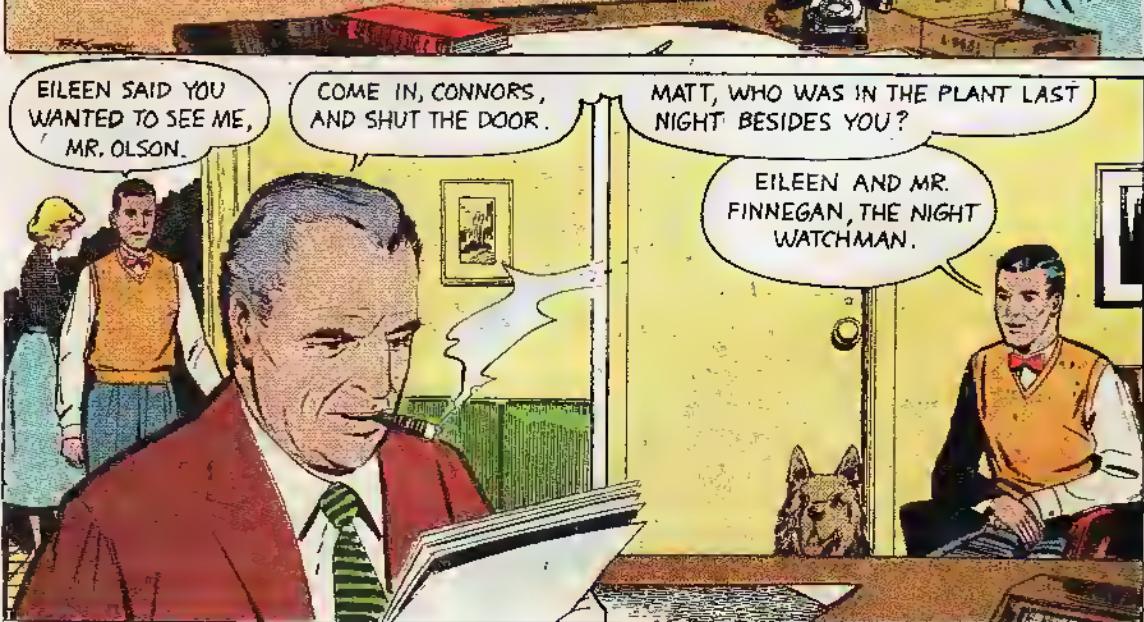
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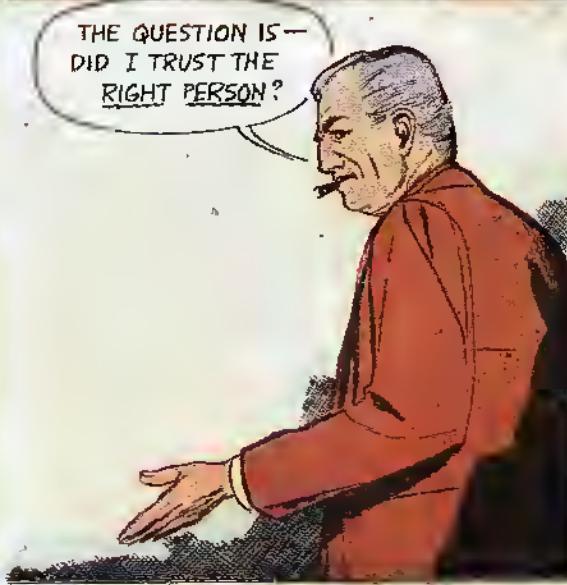
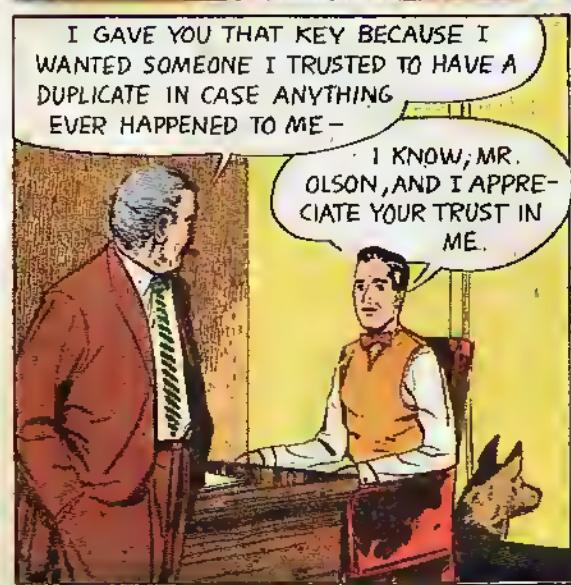
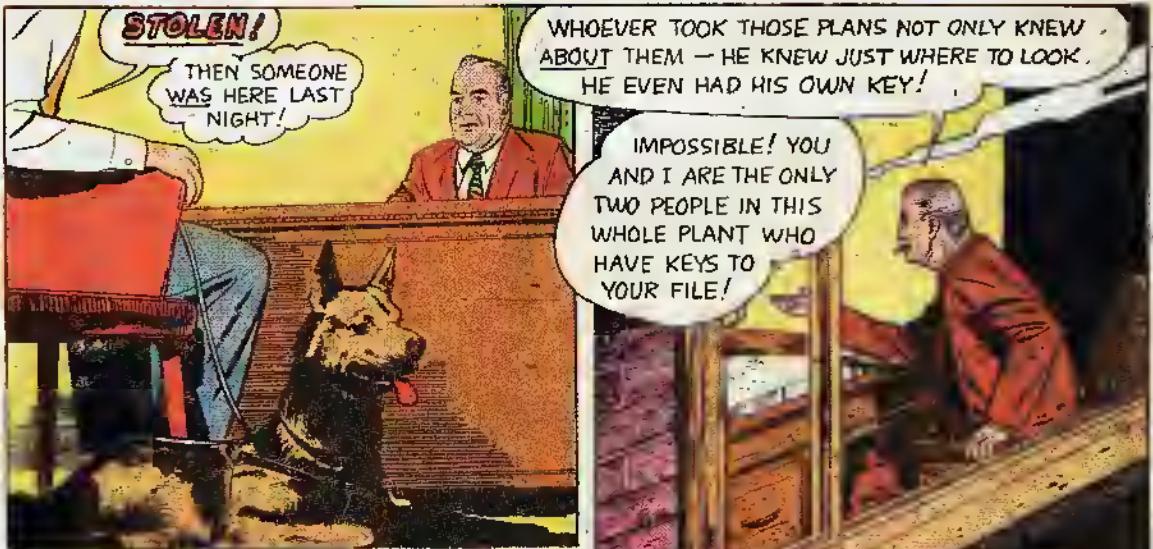
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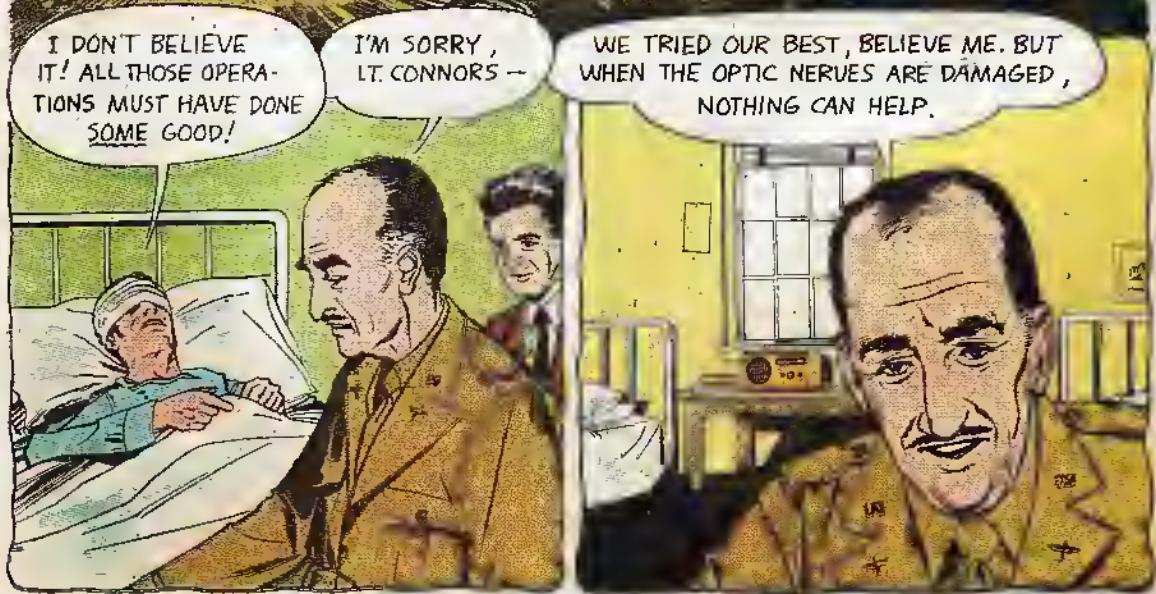
GARRY HAS USED TIM'S FRIENDSHIP TO TRICK HIM INTO HELPING TO BREAK INTO MR. OLSON'S PRIVATE OFFICE.
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EILEEN, SEND MATT CONNORS IN RIGHT AWAY.

YES, MR. OLSON.









IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, LIEUTENANT, THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE THEIR EYES AGAIN.



ANYTHING YOU WANT TO—WITHIN REASON, OF COURSE.



IF THAT'S ALL YOU'LL SETTLE FOR, THAT'S ALL YOU'LL EVER BE ABLE TO DO.



"I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO THAT MAN - HE TAUGHT ME NEVER TO BE SORRY FOR MYSELF. HE ALSO TOLD ME ABOUT THE SEEING-EYE — "



"BUT THEY DIDN'T LET ME HAVE HIM RIGHT AWAY — "



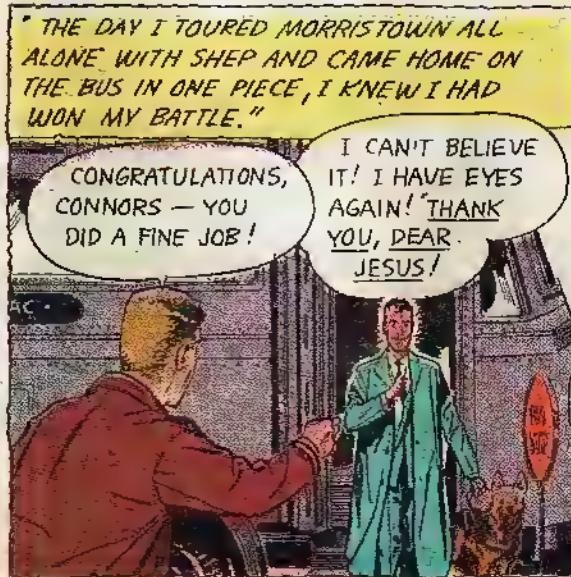
"WHEN SHEP AND I FINALLY DID WORK TOGETHER, WE STARTED WITH SIMPLE THINGS — "



"AT LAST THE BIG DAY CAME WHEN WE LEFT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS."



"IF YOU THINK WALKING DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS IS SIMPLE, TRY IT SOMETIME, BLINFOLDED."



"THE DAY I TOURED MORRISTOWN ALL ALONE WITH SHEP AND CAME HOME ON THE BUS IN ONE PIECE, I KNEW I HAD WON MY BATTLE."





Planning Your Future

Let's Face It!

by Father Conroy



DURING the past months we have talked about many professions—law, medicine, journalism, radio, TV, entertainment—a list that we should have liked to make much longer. We have tried to show that these professions are not only good and honorable, but also that Catholics can do a great deal of good while working in them. We haven't talked about the religious life, but only because we talked about that last year.

This series will come to a close with the next installment, though, and I should like to say some things to the many of you who for one reason or another are not planning a professional career such as law or medicine. Actually only a fairly small number will enter a profession. The majority of you will not.

Now there is nothing at all wrong in not planning for a profession. In fact not everyone is called or has an aptitude for such a thing. In some ways it's like considering a vocation to the religious life. You simply must have the requirements for it or you won't make a success of it or be happy in it.

The same goes for the various professional careers. Not everyone is cut out to be a doctor, a lawyer, or a journalist.

And this is all right too. Someone has to take care of the other things—let us say, the more practical walks of life. Therefore there must always be bus drivers, truckers, butchers, barbers, garage mechanics, filling-station operators, factory workers, and many other kinds of workers to keep your town and country going. Without the people who work on these jobs the life of a nation comes to a standstill. They are important and often they have great responsibility.

A bus driver has thousands of lives in his care throughout the months and years. His is an exacting, wearisome task. The highway spinning beneath him has a hypnotic effect, but one second of oversight or drowsiness could bring terrible tragedy. He knows this, of course, and because he does, he and thousands like him are among our

nation's finest, most responsible citizens. Their devotion to duty is a wonderful thing to behold. Same with the truckers who drive the nation's highways. They must spend days and even weeks away from their families hauling important cargoes. This means long hours on the road, irregular meals, and often sleeping in the cab near some truck stop.

When the average citizen sits down to his meal, little does he realize what others have done to bring it to his table.

The same is true of factories, business establishments, restaurants, hotels, and every other manner of commercial activity.



All depend on these "knights of the road" who deliver the goods. Day and night they are on the go, with most of the nation's citizenry taking them for granted.

But let's take a look at a few more of these "nonprofessional" jobs. Some time ago I rode along the Skyway coming out of New York City. It's an elevated highway for automobile and railroad traffic. In places it goes right over the top of buildings and housing projects.

Building that Skyway must have taken a great deal of courage on the part of many steel and iron workers. In fact much of the job was probably done at a real risk of human life—one misstep, one careless move, and serious injury or even death would have been the result.

Because of such Skyways, the motorist, driving along swiftly and safely, is able to get home to his family an hour or so sooner after work. He probably never thinks of the men who made this all possible. Things like this are frequently taken for granted.

Speaking of the Skyway—have you noticed the rapidly increasing number of our nation's turnpikes? Perhaps one goes near your town, or home if you live in the country.

These new superhighways are just as necessary for the preservation of the life of the country as are the trucks that travel upon them. Without them nothing could be moved. Business would come to a standstill. Great hardship would result throughout the nation.

Therefore the men who build these highways are important. I refer here not so much to the contractors—they would be included among the professional men—but rather to those strong, hearty fellows whom you see wearing the sun helmets and who run the excavating machines, the road scrapers, and the cement mixers.

Their work is hard and not everyone can do it. As a matter of fact not everyone wants to do it. But someone must.

The fact that thousands and thousands do, is one of the reasons why our nation remains the greatest in the world. These men serve their country and their fellow citizens just as effectively as do those in the Armed Forces.

Let's look around a bit more. Here comes a familiar figure. He's dressed up in a blue-gray uniform but he's not in the Air Force. He has a leather bag slung over his shoulder. By now you have recognized him as your mailman.

He's a fellow everyone takes for granted, too. But what would we do without him? In his hands is placed the very highest trust. In his mail sack are to be found letters of great importance. News of tragic death, of a new birth in the family; news of a job or of having lost one; word from a boy or girl thousands of miles away from home—all this and much more is contained in the daily mail.

The man who carries it does so day after day, through sunshine or rain, snow, sleet, or blizzard. He's always on the job, never failing to appear at almost the same moment in the morning or the afternoon. Children often learn to look for him and follow him for blocks. They know he is their friend.

I could go on pointing out many, many occupations that might be described as those of the "little

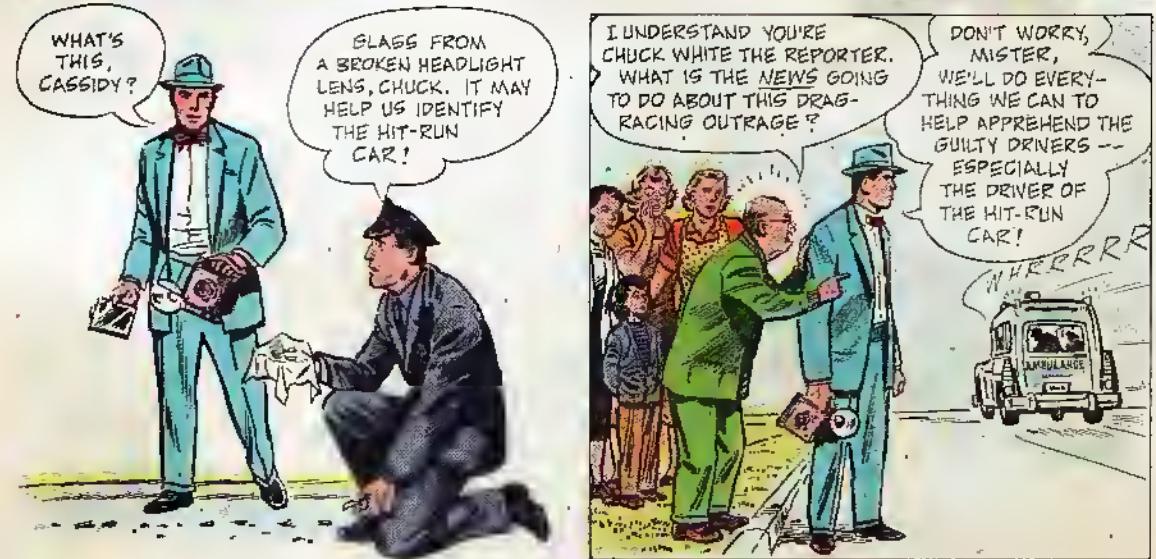
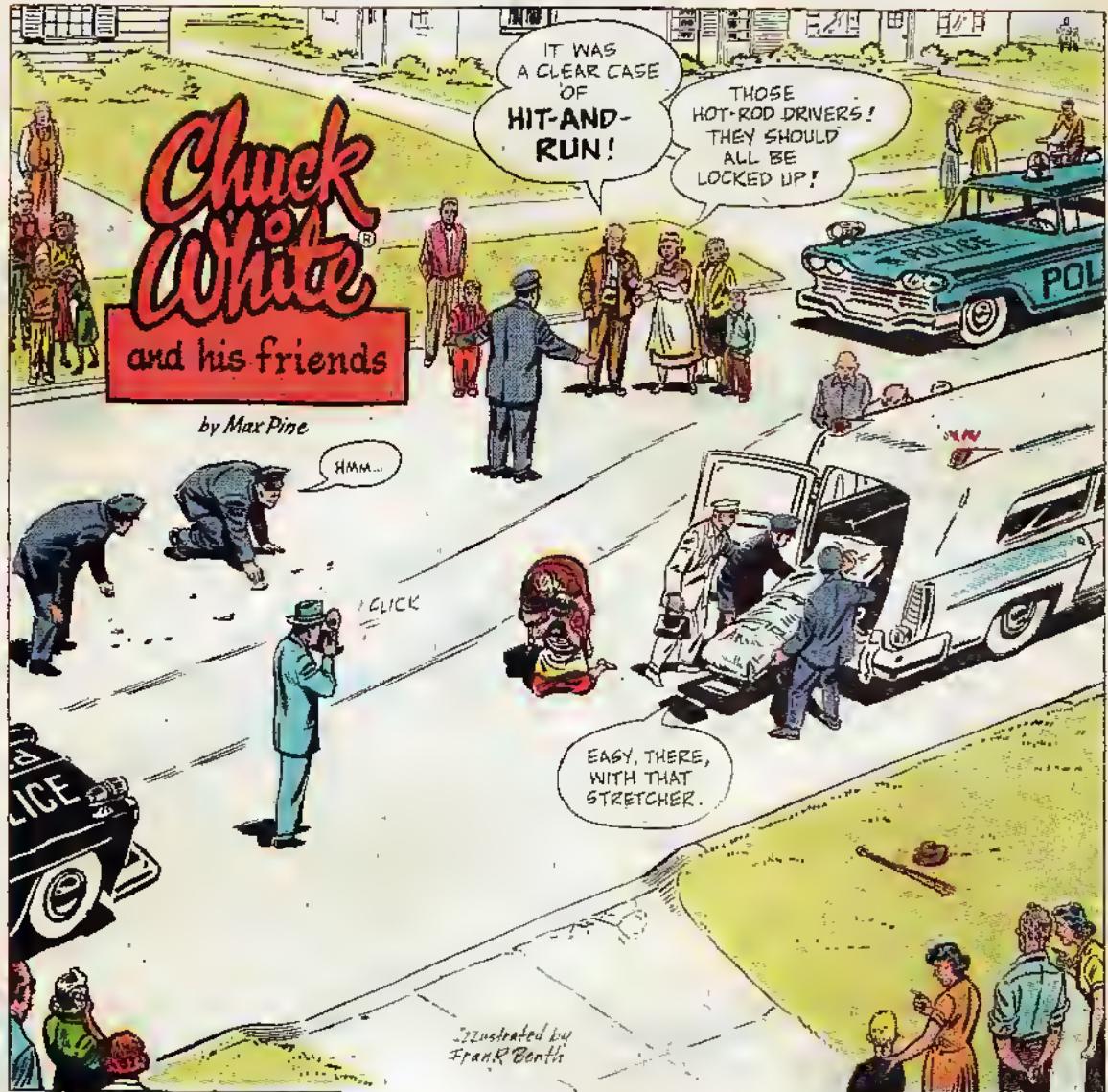


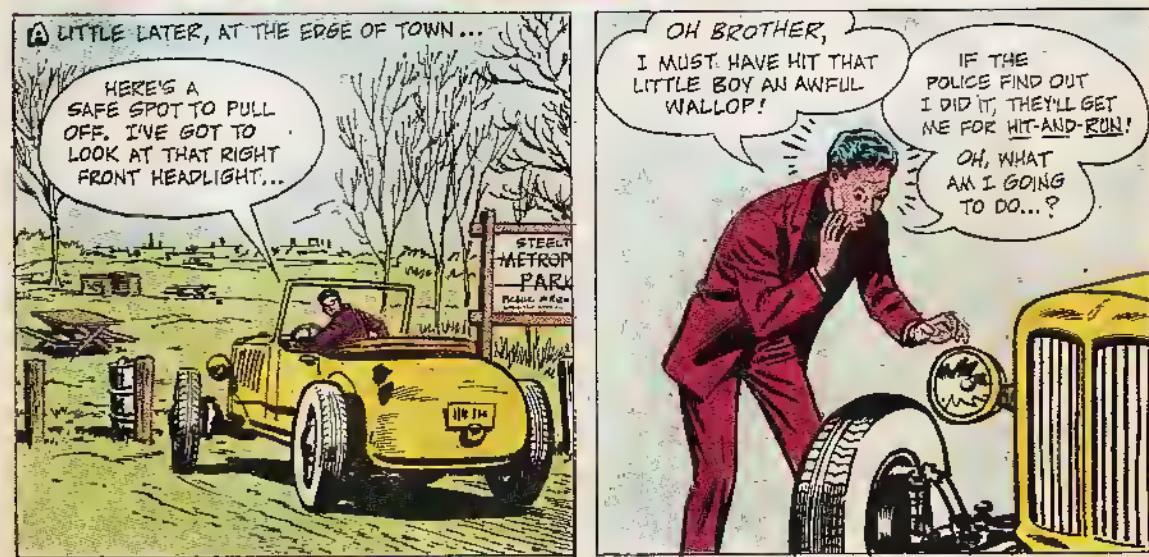
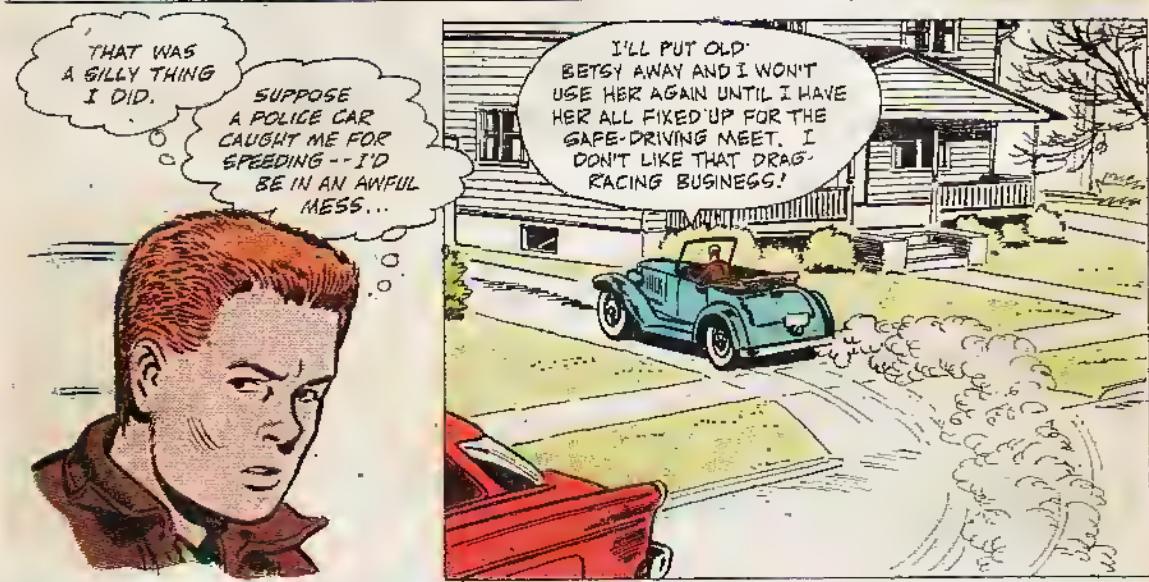
man." One hears that expression often. It is nothing to be ashamed of. The "little man" is called such simply because his job may not have all the grave responsibilities of some of the professions. Yet, there are times when his responsibilities are very great indeed.

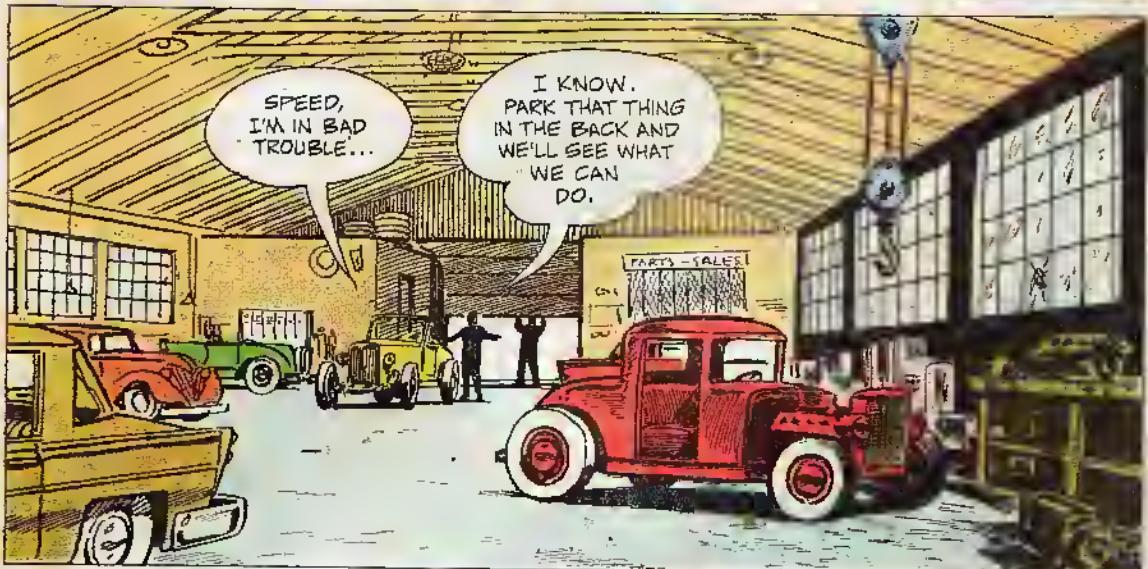
We live in an age of teamwork. Everything in society hangs together today. One job or occupation depends on another. The automobile industry depends on the steel industry. But the big steel factories, to keep going, must be supplied with the raw material. This is where transportation gets into the picture. And someone must obtain the raw material that is transported. The list could go on for quite a long time.

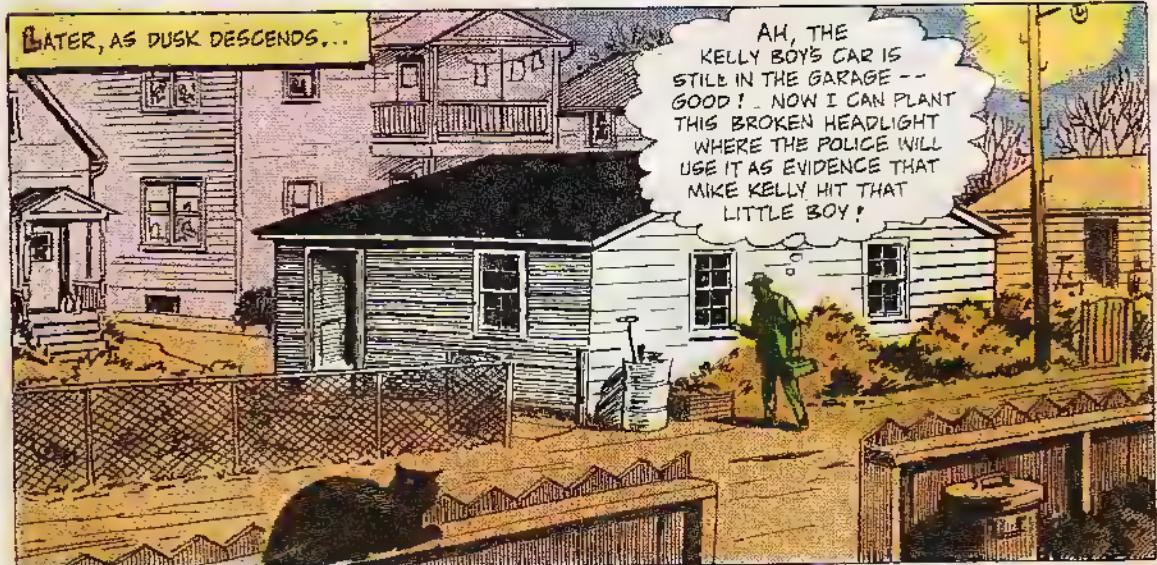
All these projects depend on the "little" man (who, in reality, is quite a "big" man). He is the fellow who must be on the job either day after day, or night after night. Sometimes his work is dull, monotonous, without too much challenge. But it is part of a total picture, and if the "little" man fails on his job, the total picture isn't a good one.

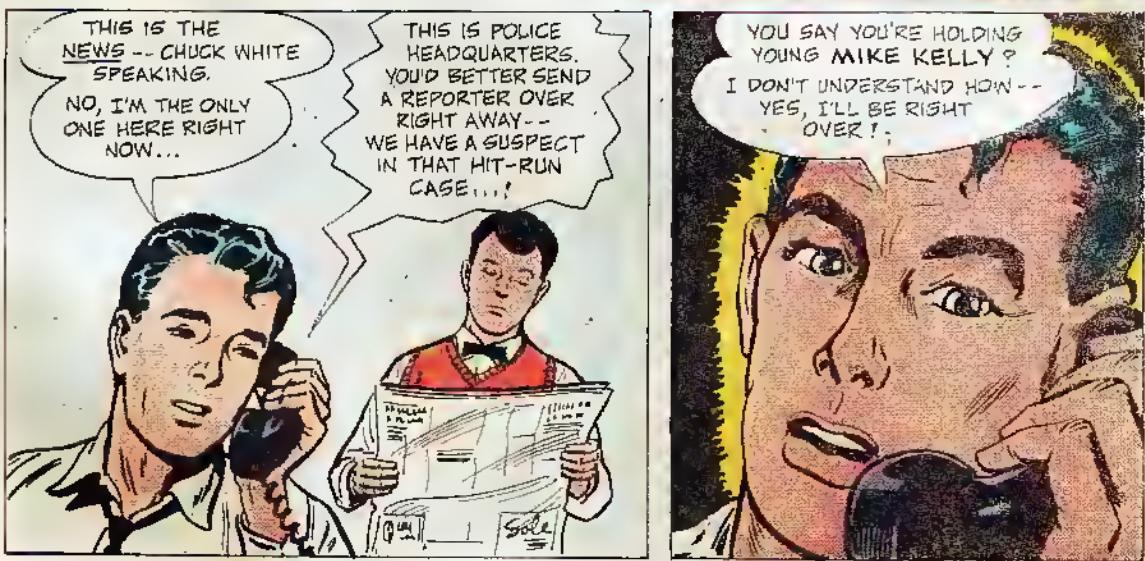
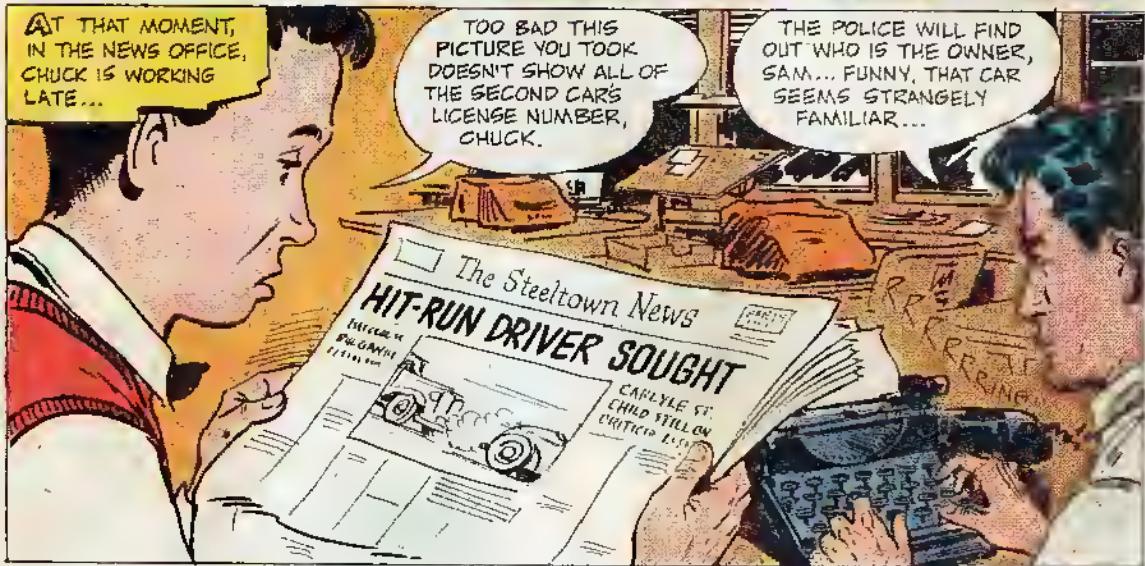
All through this, of course, we have been keeping in mind the fact that we are talking to Catholic boys and girls. We expect more of them than we do of others—a sense of Christian responsibility and charity on the job. For them Christ is the model and the reason for looking beyond the job to its total purpose. Often you hear it said "a job's a job!" But when a man's own family welfare and perhaps that of thousands of others depend on how well he does his job, a job is more than a job, even though it may be dull and monotonous, and seem unimportant. Doing it well is a way to give glory to God and help to our fellow men—all of them.

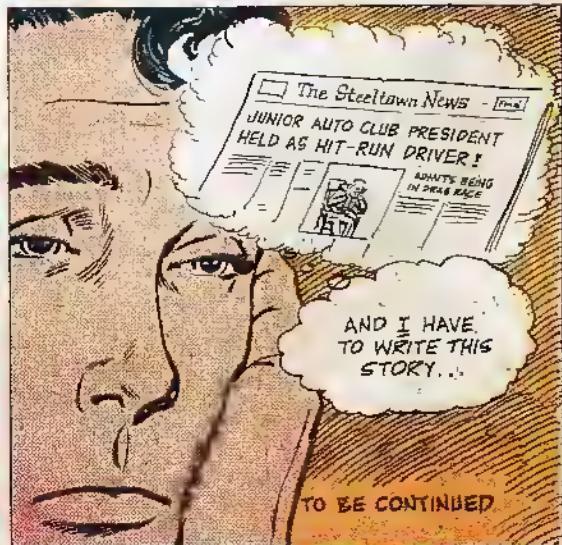
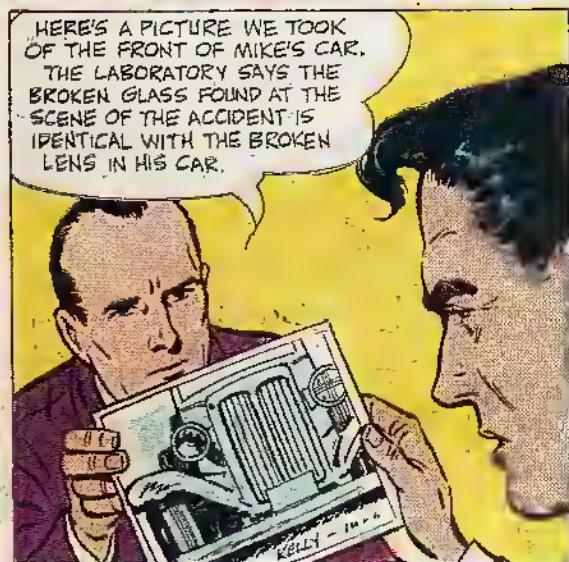












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